

Agency Consultation



Appendix J1
Agency Consultation
Pre-Consultation Memo to MNR for
Permitting



Memorandum

Date: April 26, 2013 **File No.:** 300030895
Project: Whitesand First Nation/ Great North Bioenergy Inc. Cogen Plant and Pellet Mill General Project Description
To: Melissa Mauro, MNR
From: Tricia Radburn, Environmental Planner

Comments

Neegan Burnside Ltd. has been retained by the Whitesand First Nation to complete the permitting and approvals for the proposed Whitesand First Nation Biomass Energy Project. In follow-up to our recent conversation, this memo provides some general background information about the project.

Members of the Neegan Burnside team will be traveling to Armstrong next week to meet with Whitesand project staff. At that time we expect to learn additional details about the project, including its current status, history of previous discussions with MNR and proposed source of fuel and feedstock for the proposed project.

In the meantime, some general details about the project are provided below. The following are excerpts from a recent project report (Biomass Cogeneration Plant Budget Opinion of Cost, Genivar, April 2012):

"The Whitesand First Nation Biomass Energy Project proposes the construction of a green biomass fueled electrical power and heat Cogeneration Plant to be located near the Whitesand FN and the Armstrong Ontario community site. The new constructed plant proposed site will include the green biomass fueled electrical power and heat Cogeneration Plant and a solid wood fuel Pellet Plant. Additional or waste heat is required from the Cogeneration Plant to operate the Pellet Mill biomass feedstock dryer, generate low pressure process steam and site building heat."

"The Whitesand First Nation is proposing the construction of a new greenfield plant site just south of Armstrong Ontario. Whitesand proposes the construction of a Biomass Energy / Industrial Complex Project which will include a green

biomass fueled electrical power and heat Cogeneration Plant and a solid wood fuel Pellet Plant. Energy for the new facility will be normally provided by the on-site Wood Biomass Heat Source Power Boiler and Electrical Cogeneration System. Additional electrical power will be exported from the site and tied into the existing community local power grid. The existing grid diesel powered generators will be shut down but maintained as emergency power backup source available 24 / 7."

"This proposed combined Energy Island and Pellet Plant/ Industrial Site is a former forestry industry yard camp site. The identified available site is located south of the community and on the south side of the access road across from the existing community Ontario Hydro Remotes Diesel Generation System."

"Information provided shows the site to be near level with little elevation change, light brush cover with some mature trees and typical clay soil conditions for Northern Ontario. The site also includes one (1) existing drilled potable water well. We are assuming one or two (1 or 2) additional water wells will have to be drilled for plant raw water. A large more institutional size design sanitary septic field system will have to be constructed for the site buildings sanitary sewage disposal needs. The site operations areas will have to be grubbed of vegetation, graded and compacted gravel base laid down where buildings and equipment are to be located. The loose biomass storage pile areas will be asphalt hard faced to prevent contamination into and from the biomass. Around the site a site drainage plan will be constructed to channel surface water runoff to one or more low containment areas."

"The 139,000 cubic meters allocated green feedstock for the Whitesand Project Pellet Plant consists of surrounding area forest hardwood (66.05% Trembling Aspen / Poplar and 33.95% White Birch). The Pelleting system feedstock will be in-bush debarked / chipped and deliver in loose bulk form to the plant site in the Base Case Industrial Pellet Plant (lower capital cost). In the Optional Premium Pellet Plant estimate (higher capital cost) the allocated biomass will be delivered to site in solid logs, debarked on-site to a premium pellet requirement followed by micro-chipping. This option allows for a combination of pellet plant on-site generated refuse biomass from debarking logs and rejects wood chips to be transferred to the Energy Island for their required biomass fuel needs."

“The in-bush third party debarked chips will be delivered to site in regular biomass single trailers whole specie 35 metric ton loads (Aspen or Birch). They will first scale in loaded (later again empty on leaving) on the MNR Supplied biomass truck scale with upgraded GNBE data management systems. Delivered quality testing chip samples will be taken over the load at the scale.”

We hope to provide you with additional information in the near future and look forward to a conference with MNR and MOE staff to clarify the required permitting and approvals for the project. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at tricia.radburn@neeganburnside.com or by phone at 519-823-4995 x479.

Appendix J2
Agency Consultation
Pre-Consultation Meeting with MOECC
and MNR



Agenda

MNR/MOE Initial Permitting Overview Whitesand First Nation Bioenergy Facility and Pellet Mill near Armstrong, ON

Location: Conference Call

Date and Time: May 29, 2013, 11am

File No.: 300030895

Items

1. Introductions
 - a. Neegan Burnside Ltd.
 - b. Whitesand First Nation
 - c. Arbora Management Services Ltd.
 - d. Ministry of the Environment
 - e. Ministry of Natural Resources
2. Project Overview
3. Status of Crown Lands – Land Use and timber harvest / mineral rights
4. Permitting Integration (REA vs. Class EA)
5. Background information for the Records Review Reports
 - a. MNR records review data,
 - b. FRI mapping,
 - c. SAR records,
 - d. Lake Trout Lakes,
 - e. Fish and Fish Habitat,
 - f. DFO and other contacts.
6. Process for Site Investigation
 - a. Appropriate FEC protocol
 - b. Other protocols?
7. Other Items



Minutes of Meeting

Whitesand First Nation Pellet Mill & Biomass Project

Meeting Date: May 29, 2013

Date Prepared: May 30, 2013

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 a.m.

Date Re-Issued: June 10, 2013

Location: Conference Call

File No.: 300030895

Those in attendance were:

Mohsen Keyvani	Ministry of the Environment, Toronto (MOE)
Sandra Guido	Ministry of the Environment, Toronto (MOE)
Rik Aikman	Ministry of Natural Resources, Thunder Bay (MNR)
Melissa Mauro	Ministry of Natural Resources, Thunder Bay (MNR)
Jeff Black	Ministry of Natural Resources, Thunder Bay (MNR)
Colin Hovi	Ministry of Natural Resources, Thunder Bay (MNR)
Scott Sheriff	Ministry of Natural Resources the Environment , Thunder Bay (MNR MOE)
Michael Lee Leigh	Renewable Energy Facilitation Office, Toronto (REFO)
David Mackett	Whitesand First Nation (WFN)
Chris Walton	Arbora Management Services (Arbora)
Chris Shilton	Neegan Burnside Ltd. (NBL)
Tricia Radburn	Neegan Burnside Ltd. (NBL)
Lyle Parsons	Neegan Burnside Ltd. (NBL)

Those absent were:

Naren Santos (Sandra Guido attended in-place)	Ministry of the Environment, Toronto (MOE)
Paul Jordan	Ministry of the Environment, Thunder Bay (MOE)
Robyn Budd	Ministry of Energy (MOEE)

Action by

The following items were discussed:		Action by
1. Project Overview		
1.1	A site and project overview was provided by Neegan Burnside.	INFO
1.2	Project is in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Armstrong, Ontario; serviced by the Armstrong Local Service Board.	INFO
1.3	Previous use of a portion of the site was a camp, operated by MNRa forest industry company .	INFO
1.4	Project is on crown land on which prospecting, staking out, sale and lease rights have been withdrawn under the Mining Act for development of a sawmill / cogeneration processing facility.	INFO
1.5	A Land Use Permit (LUP) is currently held by Whitesand First Nation (c/o Sagatay Economic Development). MNR added that an expanded boundary will need to be applied for, and there are other claims on neighbouring lands regarding withdrawal mentioned above. These items are being discussed between Whitesand First Nation and MNR.	INFO
1.6	Arbora asked MNR to identify any restrictions as soon as possible that may apply to the expanded area LUP.	INFO
1.7	The proposed project consists of two main components: 1) a 3 MW biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and 2) a solid wood fuel pellet plant. The first component is a renewable energy generation facility, and will be located on the same site as the pellet mill.	INFO
1.8	The pellet plant is expected to produce 8 metric tons per hour, or 60,000 metric tons per year of industrial grade pellets, which will be bagged for shipping from the site.	INFO
1.9	Various technologies exist for the cogeneration plant, and the project is currently proceeding on the basis of a steam rankin cycle technology.	INFO
1.10	Water requirements for the facility are expected to be supplied via on-site wells.	INFO
1.11	There will be an on-site wastewater facility to manage facility process wastewater and domestic sewage.	INFO
1.12	The community is currently serviced on a local grid (not provincial) by diesel generators operated by Hydro One Remote Communities. The proposed project would replace the diesel generators, saving 1 million litres of diesel fuel per year. The proposed project would supply the 1 MW demand of the nearby community, and use the other 2 MW to operate the pellet mill. The project would operate under a power purchase agreement with Hydro One Remote Communities (not a FIT contract). Transmission ties to the provincial grid are not available in the Armstrong area, and are not expected in the future.	INFO

		Action by
1.13	The study area distributed with the conference call agenda shows the existing Hydro One Remote diesel generators at the proposed connection point (marked with an asterisk).	INFO
2.	Permitting Integration	
2.1	MOE requested the components of the pellet mill to be included in a draft Project Description Report (PDR) to determine the appropriate permitting process, and potential integration with REA.	NBL
2.2	Arbora described the basic components of the pellet mill: heat source, dryer, and a fiber wood processing plant with mobile equipment on site. Arbora has a completed ECA for a pellet mill as an example if required for reference.	INFO
2.3	A permit to take water is anticipated to supply the heat source (boiler).	INFO
2.4	MNR asked if a landfill for the ash was proposed as part of the project, and requested this information to be included in the draft PDR. Arbora confirmed there is no proposed landfill and advised further discussions on solid waste management needs for the facility at the local MNR landfill were expected. <u>MNR encourages these discussions as soon as possible as the existing landfill has a limited capacity.</u>	NBL Arbora / WFN / MNR
2.5	The draft PDR will be submitted to Mohsen Keyvani and Narren Santos at MOE, and Melissa Mauro at MNR for review in determining the appropriate permitting process, and potential integration with REA.	NBL
3.	Background Information for Records Review	
3.1	MNR indicated that a data sharing agreement will need to be entered into as some of the background information is confidential. The MNR to confirm whether the proponent (not the consultant) or consultants should be the one to enter into the <u>sensitive data loan</u> agreement.	WFN MNR
3.2	Field work is scheduled for July. NBL requested clarification on which protocol should be used for the area (ELC, FEC). MNR to confirm the appropriate protocol.	MNR
3.3	NBL to submit a proposed field work methodology for MNR review prior to visiting site.	NBL
4.	Consultation	
4.1	The draft PDR is expected to be submitted within the next two weeks for confirmation of the approval requirements (pellet mill and biomass generation) purposes mentioned above, as well as obtaining a list for aboriginal consultation.	NBL
4.2	MOE indicated it identifies the appropriate aboriginal communities for consultation based on geographic proximity as well as other factors, such as potential negative environmental effects of the project.	INFO

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| 4.3 | The first public meeting will occur at least 30 days after notice, including those identified on the aboriginal consultation list. MOE anticipates 4-5 week turnaround after PDR submission for aboriginal consultation list. | INFO |
| 4.4 | It was indicated by Arbora that there was a strong desire to hold the first public meeting during the local annual fair in July/August. | INFO |
| 4.5 | Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong are an integrated neighbouring community, with aboriginal citizens living both on reserve lands and in Armstrong. Any consultation in the area should be recognized as both public and aboriginal consultation. | INFO |
| 5. | Project Benefits | |
| 5.1 | MOE confirmed that this project is the first of its kind in Ontario as a Class 1 Thermal Facility. Arbora clarified that the First Nation is the proponent – a small community with a limited budget. In light of this, we want to ensure the approval process is streamlined to make the project a success. The project was initially proposed by WFN in 1992. | INFO |
| 5.2 | There are significant environmental benefits to implement the project, including saving 1 million litres of diesel fuel per year, currently consumed by the Hydro One generators. | INFO |
| 5.3 | WFN has received government funding from many different agencies for the project including for training employees to operate the facility. Training is underway. There is high level Provincial and Federal support for the Project. | INFO |

The preceding are the minutes of the meeting as observed by the undersigned. Should there be a need for revision, please advise within seven days. In the absence of notification to the contrary, these minutes will be deemed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes prepared by:

Neegan Burnside Ltd.



Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED® AP
Project Manager

*Distribution: All in attendance and absent
Craig Tose, Whitesand First Nation*

**Appendix J3
Agency Consultation
First Draft Project Description Report
to MOECC and MNR**

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Draft Project Description Report

Chris Shilton to: Doris.Dumais, Narren.Santos, Mohsen.Keyvani,
melissa.mauro

06/18/2013 12:33 PM

Cc: ctoset, chris, lorianne.sinoway, "Tiina Ahokas", Lyle Parsons

Good Afternoon All,

Further to our pre-consultation meeting on May 29, 2013 and for your review, please see the attached Draft Project Description Report for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. As discussed in our meeting, the MOE and MNR contacts in this e-mail will circulate the report to the appropriate people for their review.

The intent of the Draft Project Description Report at this stage is to obtain an aboriginal consultation list from MOE, and identify the necessary permitting requirements for the project with MOE and MNR.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to working with you on this Project.

Sincerely,

Chris Shilton



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**Appendix J4
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First Draft Natural Heritage
Assessment to MNR**

Whitesand First Nation - Draft Records Review and Site Investigation

Chris Shilton via Thru

to:

06/25/2013 04:52 PM

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From: "Chris Shilton via Thru" <chris.shilton@rjburnside.com>

To:

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<https://files.rjburnside.com/ExDn.aspx?id=027AQDBK82M>

Good Afternoon Melissa,

As a follow-up to item 3.3 of our May 29 pre-consultation meeting minutes, please see the attached Draft Natural Heritage Assessment, including our Records Review and proposed Site Investigation work. We would appreciate your review and comments on our proposed field work scheduled for July / August 2013.

As discussed in the pre-consultation meeting, I will let you distribute this e-mail to the appropriate people at MNR for the review.

Could you also provide an update on the status of the data sharing agreement with Whitesand First Nation? We now have 2 staff with the appropriate training to access the sensitive data; I assume we just need the completed agreement now to access that data.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Chris Shilton

Other message recipients:

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To: melissa.mauro@ontario.ca

Cc: ctoset@tbaytel.net, chris@arbora.ca, lorianne.sinoway@whitesandfirstnation.com, tiina@arbora.ca, tricia.radburn@rjburnside.com, lyle.parsons@rjburnside.com

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Appendix J5
Agency Consultation
Natural Heritage Assessment and
Adjacent Landowner Correspondence
with MNR

RE: Whitesand FN Thermal Facility and Pellet Mill- Review of Records Review and Site Investigation Methodology
 Black, Jeff (MNR)

to:

Tricia Radburn

08/12/2013 11:49 AM

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From: "Black, Jeff (MNR)" <jeff.black@ontario.ca>

To: Tricia Radburn <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>,

1 Attachment



NHAG_2012.pdf

Hi Tricia

Re. evaluation of significance, you do have the option to treat potential SWH etc. as significant and not do an evaluation of significance. Also, there is a new NHAG dated Nov. 2012 (attached).

Jeff

From: Tricia Radburn [<mailto:Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>]

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 11:17 AM

To: Black, Jeff (MNR); Chris Shilton

Cc: Dominique Evans; Hannah Maciver; Devin Soeting

Subject: Fw: Whitesand FN Thermal Facility and Pellet Mill- Review of Records Review and Site Investigation Methodology

Jeff,

Sorry to keep pestering you. We are planning to do fieldwork at the Whitesand cogen and pellet mill site next week. We had hoped to touch base with you on a number of items before we begin, including the following:

- We are unclear on the approval process required (i.e. will an MNR Stewardship Class EA be required in addition to REA?). At this stage we have proceeded on the assumption that we will be able to document all portions of the project into a single assessment under REA. Our first project notice is being issued under this assumption. The cogen and pellet mill are very integrated with conveyor belts, thermal and electrical processes linking the facilities so it would be difficult to separate them into two different projects for the purposes of assessment.
- Based on the assumption that both projects can be assessed under REA documentation, we are planning to follow the REA process for the Natural Heritage Assessment. This means that we will follow the "Natural Heritage Assessment Guide for Renewable Energy Projects" (MNR, 2011). This allows the option to treat wetlands and some types of significant wildlife habitat as significant without doing full species surveys. We have planned our fieldwork to follow this process. If you require anything different please let us know.
- We are planning to conduct ELC using the "Terrestrial and Wetland Ecosites of Northwestern Ontario" guide. If we should be using an alternative guide please let us know ASAP. Due to timing, we may not be able to obtain a new guide by next week. If there is an alternative guide, could you make it available at your office for our field staff to pick up on their way through Thunder Bay?

Any guidance you could provide on the above items would be greatly appreciated. I will be out of the office most of Thursday and Friday of this week so if you are not able to comment before then, please contact Chris Shilton at 905-866-8405 or Dominique Evans at 519-823-4995 x493.

Kind Regards,



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----- Forwarded by Tricia Radburn/RJB on 08/12/2013 10:18 AM -----

From: Tricia Radburn/RJB
To: jeff.black@ontario.ca,
Date: 07/29/2013 11:42 AM
Subject: Fw: Whitesand FN Thermal Facility and Pellet Mill- Review of Records Review and Site Investigation Methodology

Jeff,

I am writing to follow up on the emails below. We are planning on visiting the Armstrong site to start our fieldwork the week of Aug 19 so we would appreciate any comments you may have on our methodology before that time.

I also wanted to follow up regarding landownership in the area. We are looking to confirm our contact list for our first public notice. To date we understand that landowners in the vicinity include MNR (Crown Land), MTO and Hydro One. We were hoping you could let us know if there are any other interested parties who should be contacted. We understand that [REDACTED] has a claim in the area. Are there any forest-related interest/contacts that you are aware of?

Thanks so much.



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 To: Tricia Radburn <Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>,
 Date: 07/17/2013 04:11 PM
 Subject: RE: Whitesand FN Thermal Facility and Pellet Mill- Review of Records Review and Site Investigation Methodology

Hi Tricia,

Thanks for your note.

I'm forwarding it to Jeff Black, Planning and Information Management Supervisor and have asked him to respond as I will be out of the office rest of this week and likely for some time in the coming weeks.

If any future inquiries you may make are met with my auto-reply, please contact Jeff (807 475-1452) as he will handle MNR involvement in the REA in my absence.

Thanks,
 Melissa

From: Tricia Radburn [<mailto:Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com>]
Sent: July 17, 2013 3:48 PM
To: Mauro, Melissa (MNR)
Subject: Whitesand FN Thermal Facility and Pellet Mill- Review of Records Review and Site Investigation Methodology

Melissa,

I am writing to follow up on the Records Review Report and Methodology for the Site Investigation that we submitted for your review. We are planning on doing the field in August so would appreciate any comments on our methodology at your earliest convenience.

We are also preparing to issue our first Notice of Project Commencement for this project for the public. We are preparing it under REA guidelines. As such, we need to send the notice to all landowners within 120m of the project. I'm assuming that if we send it to you that will cover off the Crown Land ownership. We will also be sending it to the MTO and Hydro One Remotes. Could you confirm whether there are any other landowners in the vicinity? Based on a review of the Mine Claims mapping site, there seems to be an aggregate permit issued on lands close to the site. Is this still Crown Land or is there another owner?

I'm also wondering for the purposes of the notice if you have been in contact with the MOE to determine which approvals processes will be required. Have you discussed with them the need to complete an MNR Class EA in addition to REA and is this something you will let us know in your review comments on the Project Description Report?

Thanks so much.



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**Appendix J6
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Notice of a Proposal and Notice of
Public Meeting #1 - 1**



August 9, 2013

Via: Mail


Environmental Coordinator
Transport Canada
Ontario Region (PHE) Environment and Engineering
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To whom it may concern :

**Re: Notice of a Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1
Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project
File No.: 300030895.0000**

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Notice of Proposal and Notice of Public Meeting #1	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Technical Studies	Notice of Public Meeting #2 (and release of draft studies)	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout Finalized	Reports Finalized	Submit REA Application to MOE	Notice of filing posted on Env. Registry	MOE Review	REA Decision
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If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if your department/agency could provide information on:

- legislation, policies, positions or guidelines implemented or administered by your department / agency that may affect project implementation;
- any preliminary comments or concerns that your agency has on the proposed project; and,
- other projects proposed within or near the general area of study.

Please note that any relevant background information for the natural environment, required as part of the Records Review, has already been obtained.

It is essential that your concerns are identified early in the planning process, such that the appropriate mitigation measures are incorporated into the overall project design. Your input and questions are encouraged. All interested stakeholders may learn more about the project and provide input via the communication avenues listed below.

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Your participation in this REA study is much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

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Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP
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CS:Jw

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Cc Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation
David Mackett, Community Development, Whitesand First Nation
Chris Walton, Arbora Management Services

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August 9, 2013

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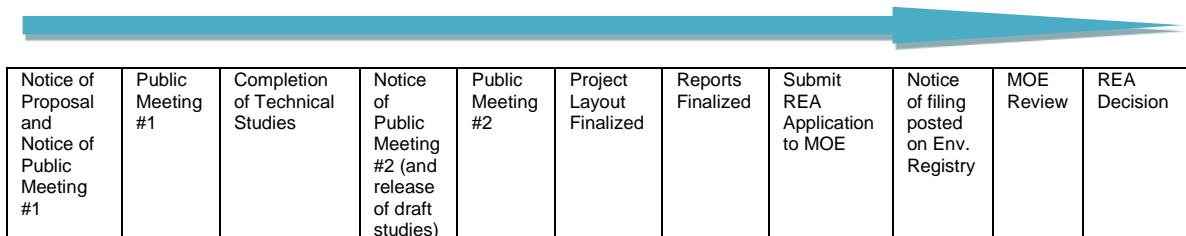
Ms. Maureen McIlwrick
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Dear Ms. McIlwrick:

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August 9, 2013

Via: Mail


Ms. Melissa Mauro
District Planner
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Dear Ms. Mauro:

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August 9, 2013

Via: Mail


Mr. Jeff Black
Planning and Information Management Supervisor
Thunder Bay District
Ministry of Natural Resources
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South
Thunder Bay ON P7E 6S8

Dear Mr. Black:

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Ms. Londa Mortson
Ministry of Natural Resources
Northwest Regional Office
435 James Street South
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Via: Mail


Ms. Doris Dumais, Director
Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Approvals Access and
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2 St. Clair Ave West, 12A
Toronto ON M4V 1L5

Dear Ms. Dumais:

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Via: Mail


Mr. Mohsen Keyvani
Senior Waste Review Engineer
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2 St. Clair Ave West, 12A
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Ms. Ellen Cramm
Environmental Resource Planner and
Environmental Assessment Coordinator
Ministry of the Environment - Northern Region
Suite 331, 435 James Street South, 3rd Floor
Thunder Bay ON P7E 6S7

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Mr. Scott Sheriff, EA Coordinator
Ministry of the Environment
Thunder Bay District Office
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Via: Mail


Mr. Michael Leigh
Senior Project Advisor
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Via: Mail


Mr. Iain Galloway
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Ministry of Transportation
Northwestern Region
615 South James Street, P.O. Box 1177
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August 9, 2013

Via: Mail


Mr. Jim McKeever
Corridor Planner
Ministry of Transportation
Corridor Management
615 South James Street
Thunder Bay ON P7E 6P6

Dear Mr. McKeever:

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August 14, 2013

Via: Mail


Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
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Via: Mail


Ms. Anjala Puvananathan
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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency - Ontario Region
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Ms. Sara Eddy
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Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Fish Habitat Management
District Office
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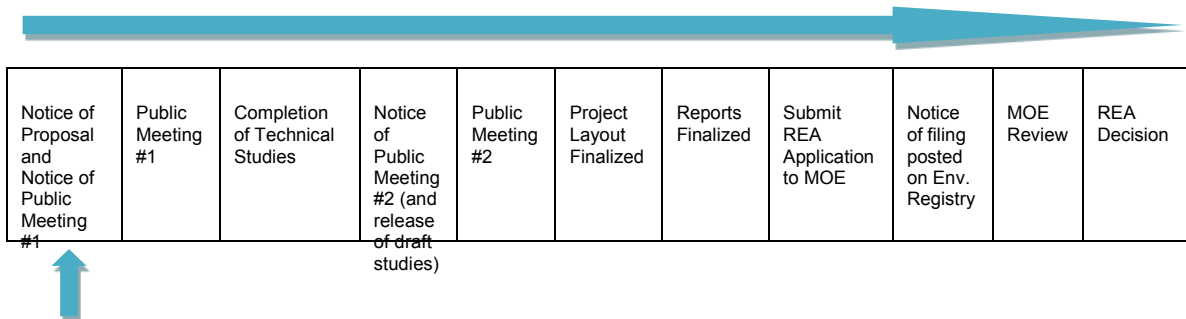
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Ministry of Energy- Energy Supply and Competition Branch
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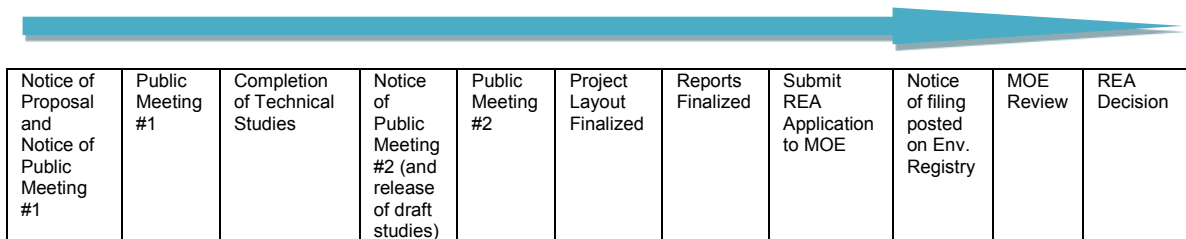
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August 14, 2013

Via: Mail


Mr. Murray Armstrong
Planner/Senior Planner
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing- Northwestern Municipal Service Office
435 James Street South
Suite 223
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S7

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Via: Email


Mr. John Sills
North West Region Renewable Energy Coordinator
Ministry of Natural Resources - District Office

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Via: Mail


Ms. Alison Drummond
Director, Corporate Policy Secretariat
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
Room 5630, Whitney Block
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Dear Ms. Drummond:

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Via: Mail


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Manager, Culture Services Unit, Programs and Services Branch
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Culture Services Unit
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Ms. Paula Kulpa
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401 Bay Street
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Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
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**Appendix J8
Agency Consultation
Second Draft Natural Heritage
Assessment to MNR**

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Draft NHA for MNR Review

Jan 13, 2014 2:48:10 PM From: **Chris Shilton via Thru** <chris.shilton@rjburnside.com>

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Subject: **Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Draft NHA for MNR Review**

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Good Afternoon Jeff,

As discussed, please follow the attached link to download our Draft Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. The Draft NHA is in support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (O.Reg. 359/09), and is comprised of the following documents:

- 030895_WFN Thermal Facility Natural Heritage Assessment.pdf
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The PDF contains the entire report, including figures and appendices; whereas the word document contains the text of the report for MNR to input comments using tracked changes.

The Draft NHA makes reference to other reports that have been prepared in support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA). As such, the pdfs of all Draft documents in support of REA have been attached for reference. A letter regarding the Draft REA documents and a public meeting will be mailed out later this week as part of the consultation requirements for the project.

We would appreciate review and confirmation or comments regarding the Draft NHA from the Ministry of Natural Resources by February 3, 2014.

You may forward this e-mail to the appropriate reviewers at MNR for them to download. If you or anybody at MNR has any trouble downloading the files, please let me know.

Should you have any questions or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Chris Shilton
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Appendix J9

Agency Consultation

Notice of Final Public Meeting, Draft

Documents in Support of an

Application for REA, FAQ Sheet



January 20, 2014

Via: Mail

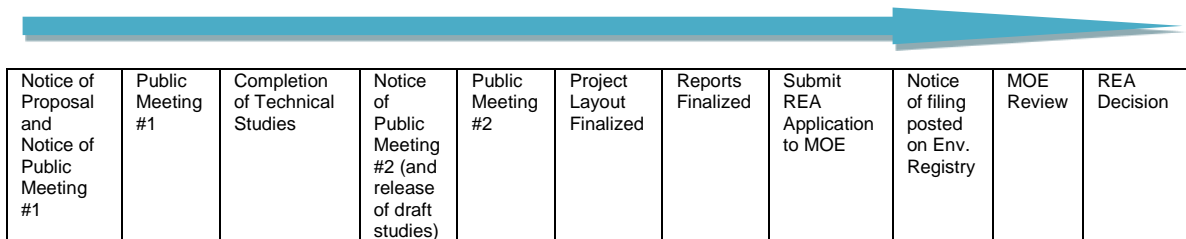
To whom it may concern
Environmental Coordinator
Transport Canada
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4900 Yonge Street
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Dear To whom it may concern :

Re: 1) Draft Documents in Support of an Application for Renewable Energy Approval
2) Notice of Final Public Meeting
3) Frequently Asked Questions
Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project
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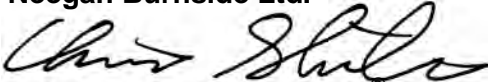
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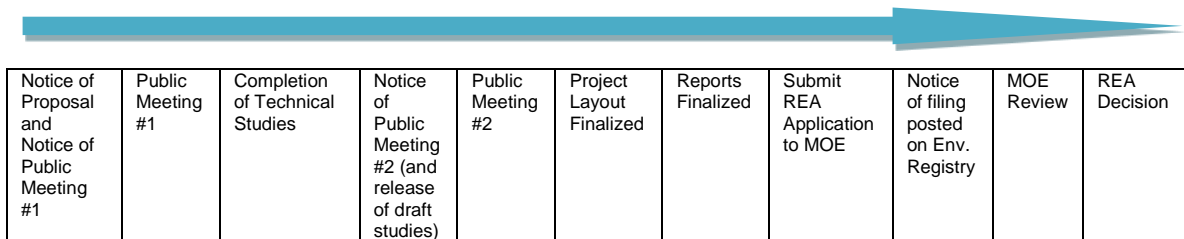
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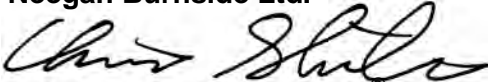
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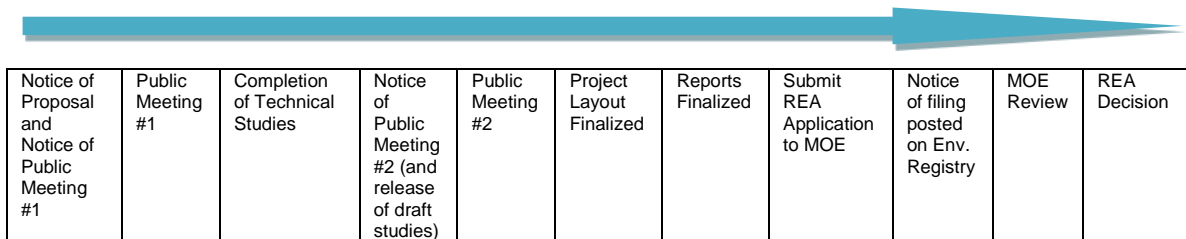
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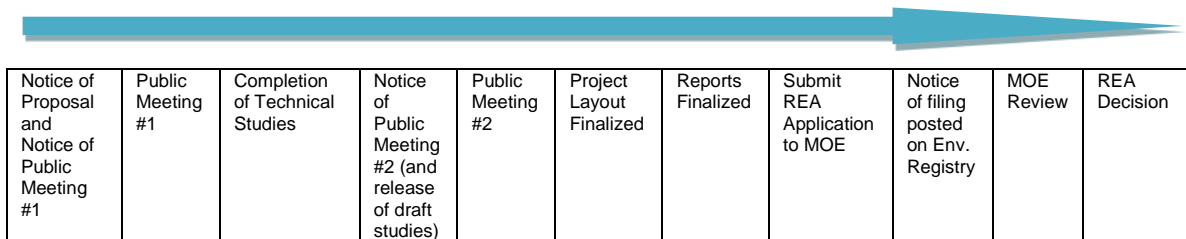
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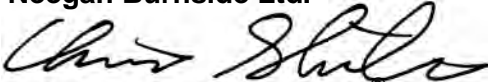
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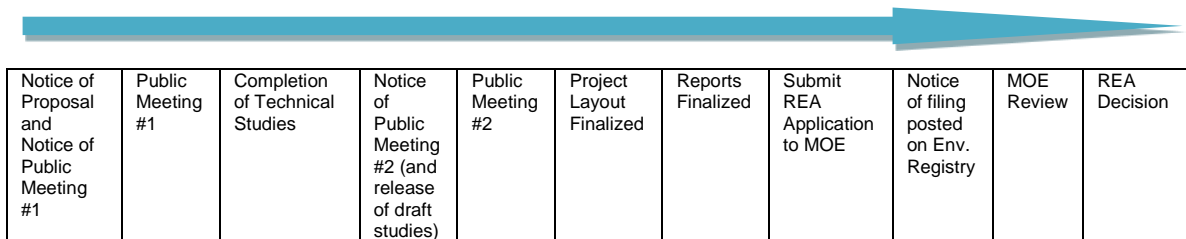
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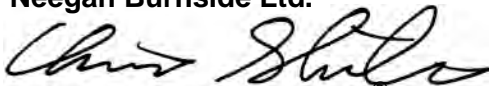
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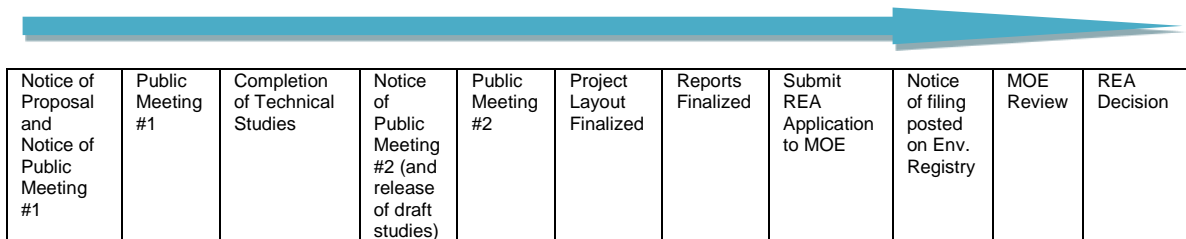
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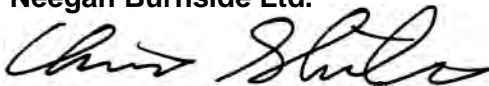
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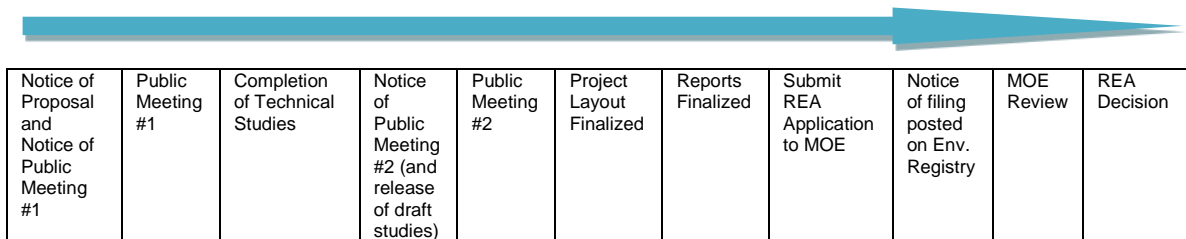
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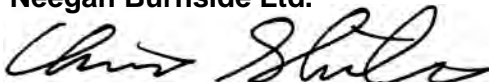
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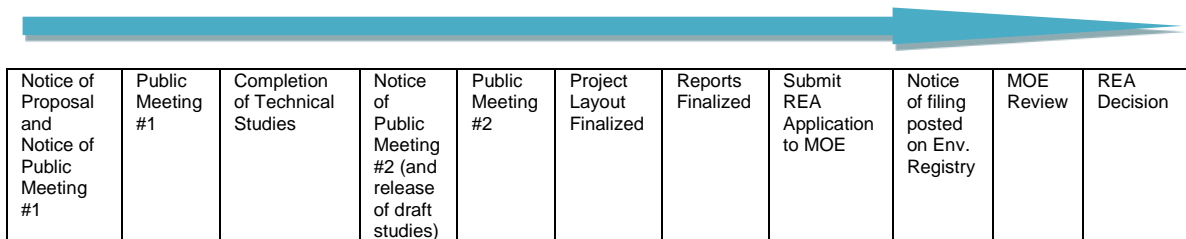
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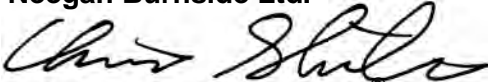
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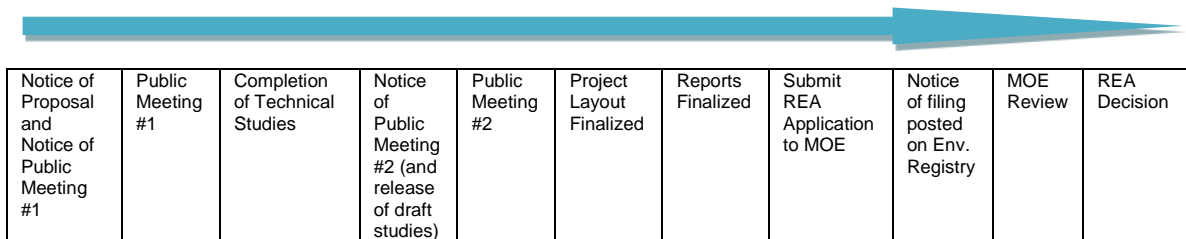
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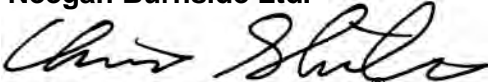
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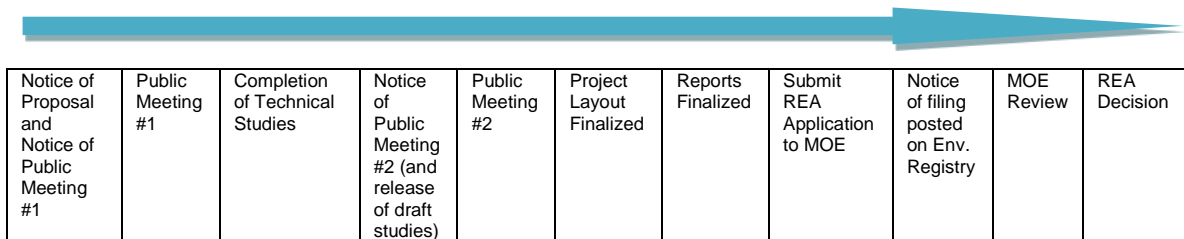
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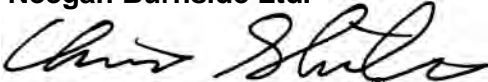
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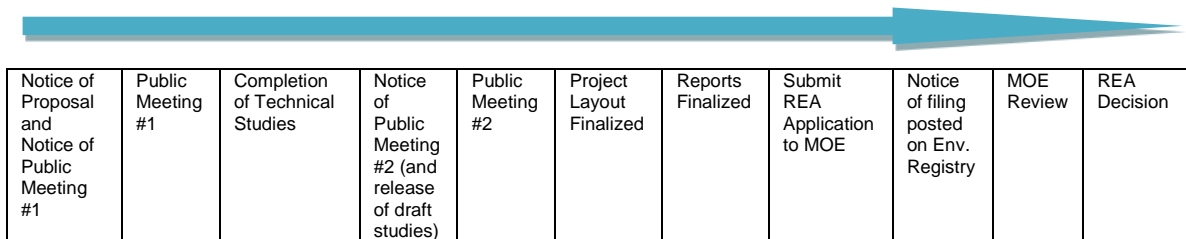
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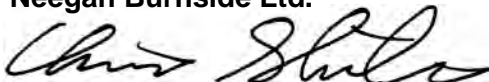
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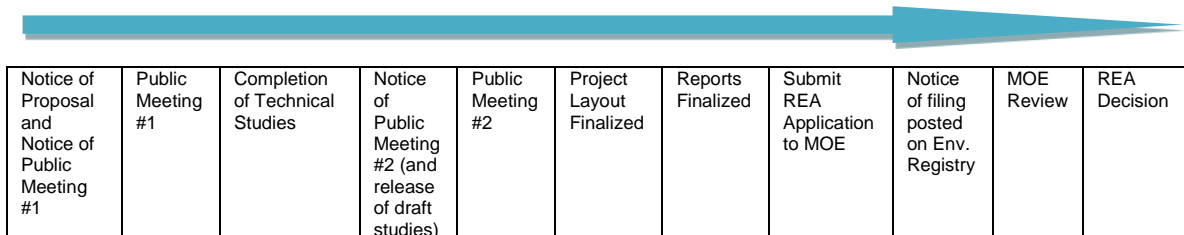
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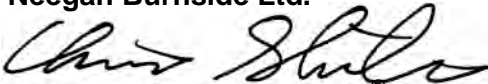
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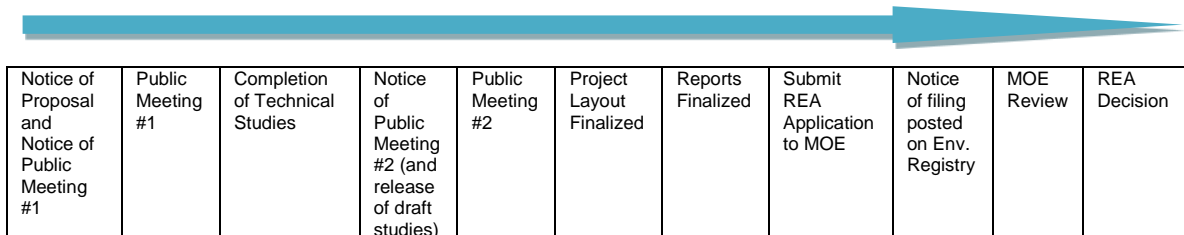
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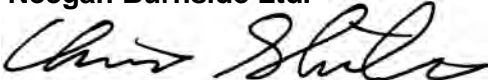
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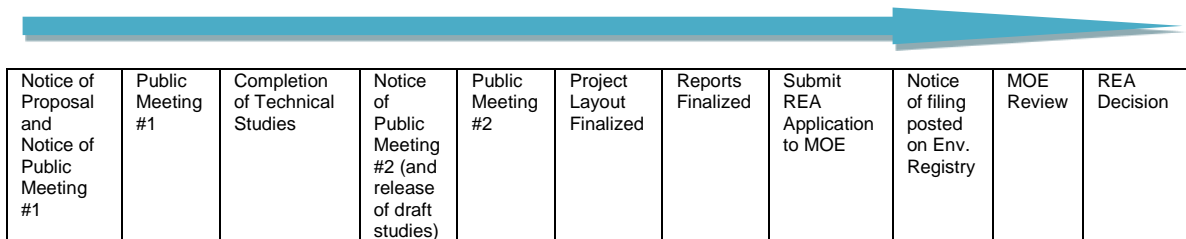
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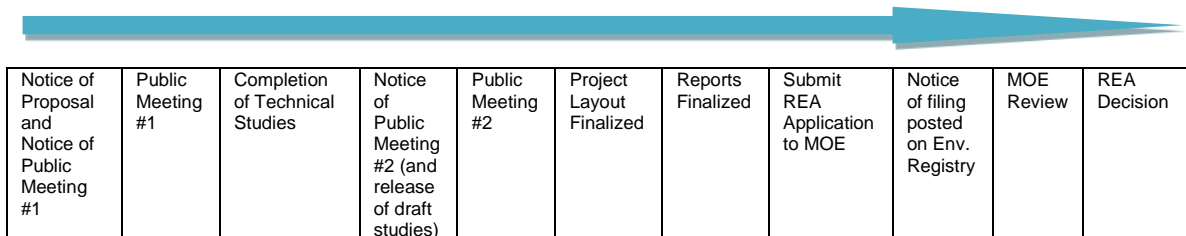
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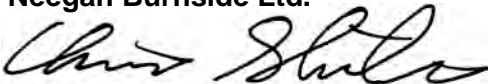
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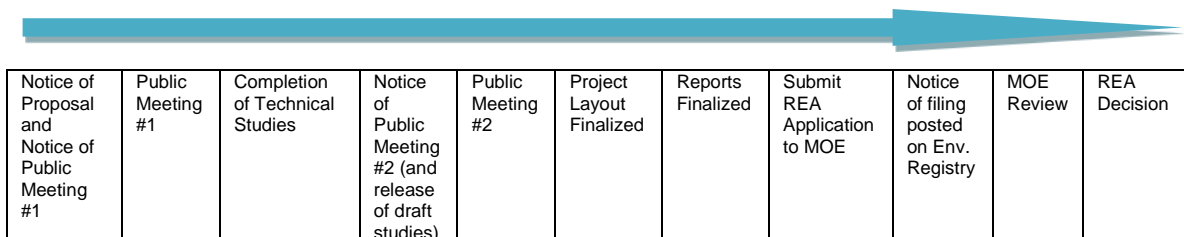
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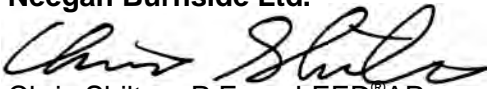
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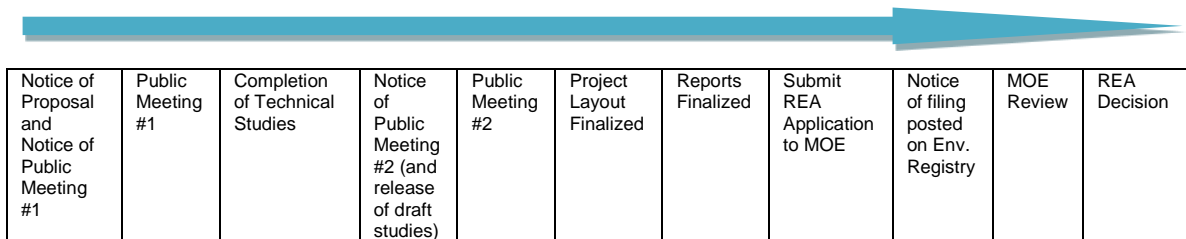
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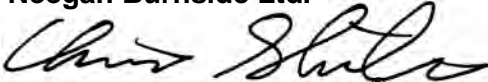
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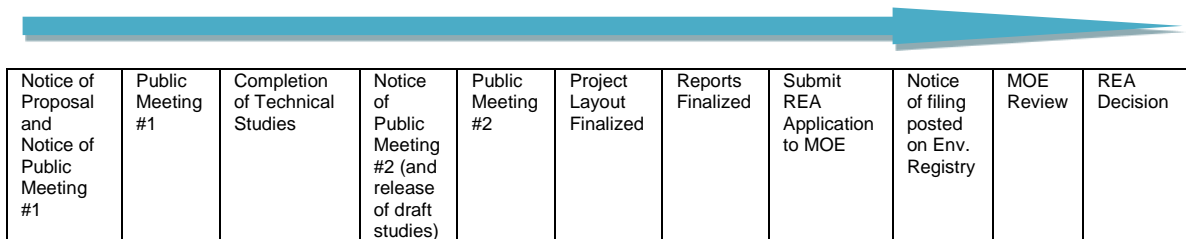
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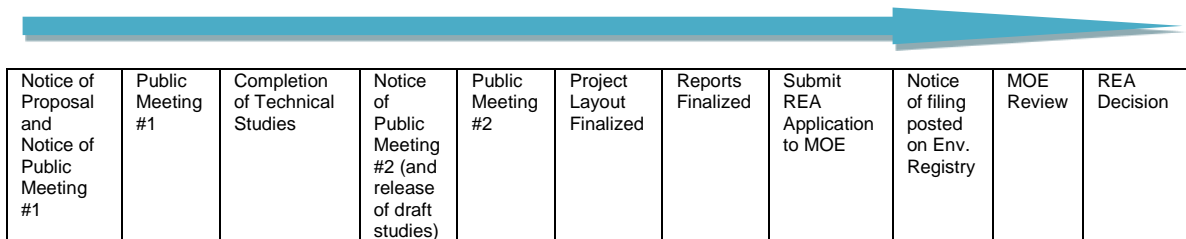
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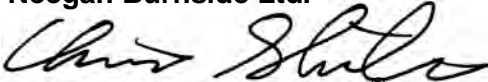
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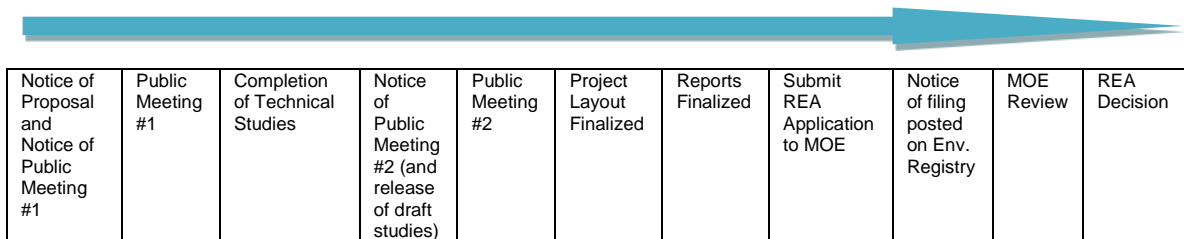
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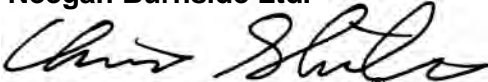
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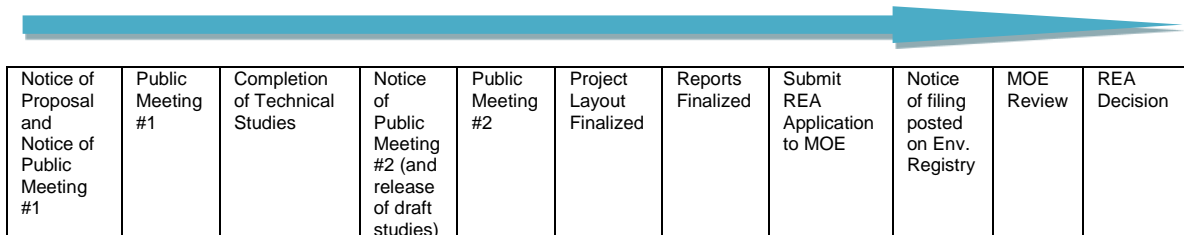
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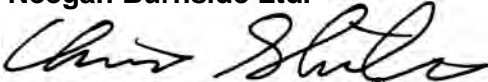
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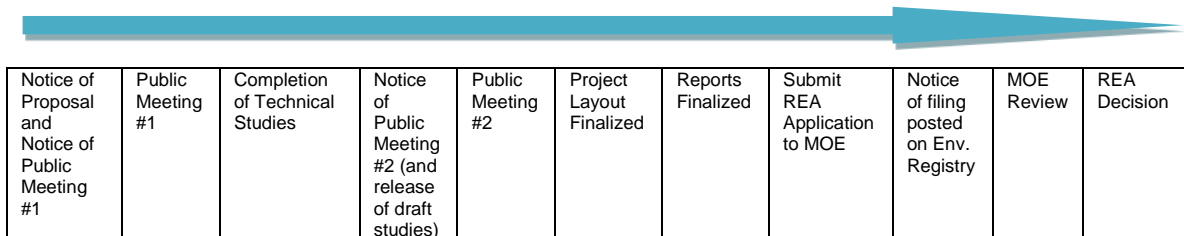
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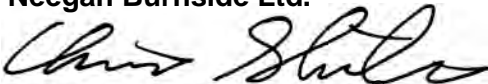
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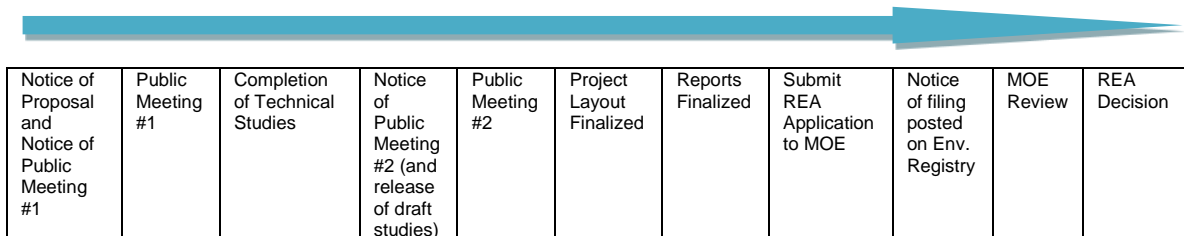
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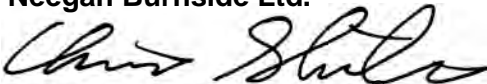
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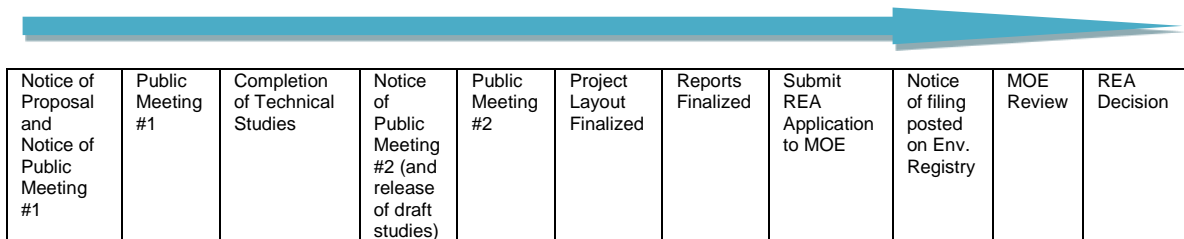
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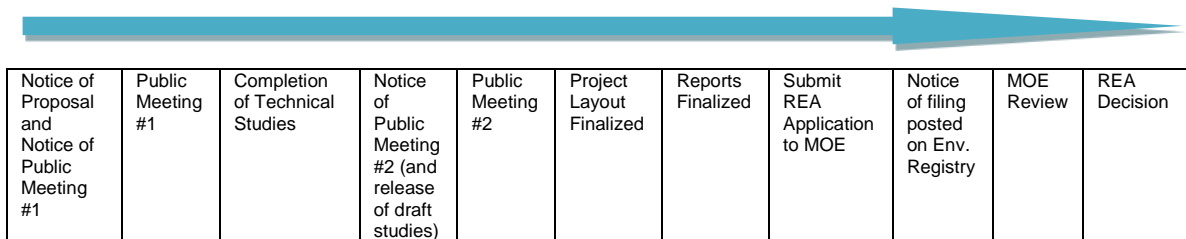
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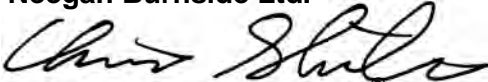
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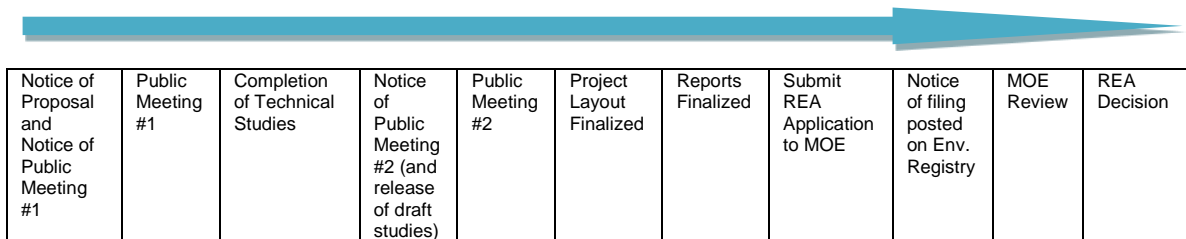
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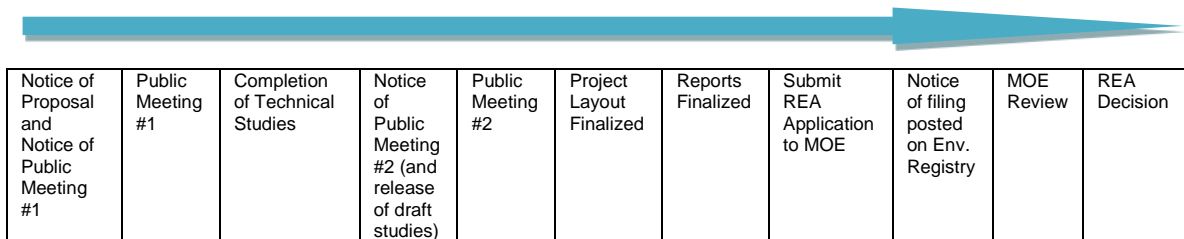
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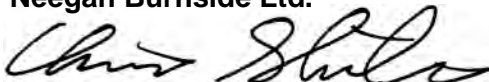
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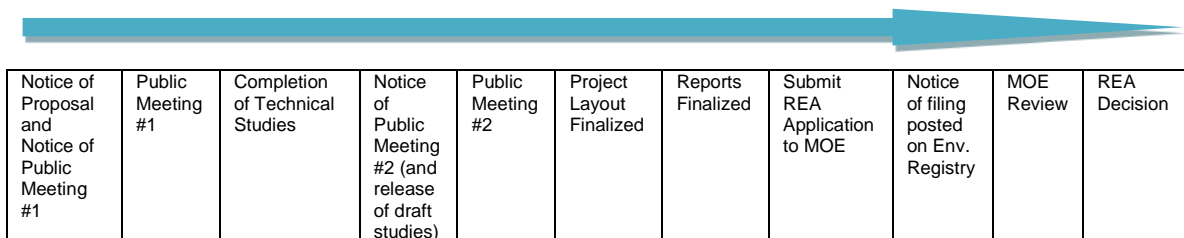
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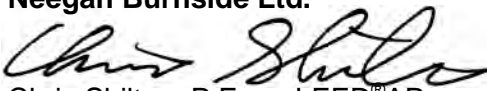
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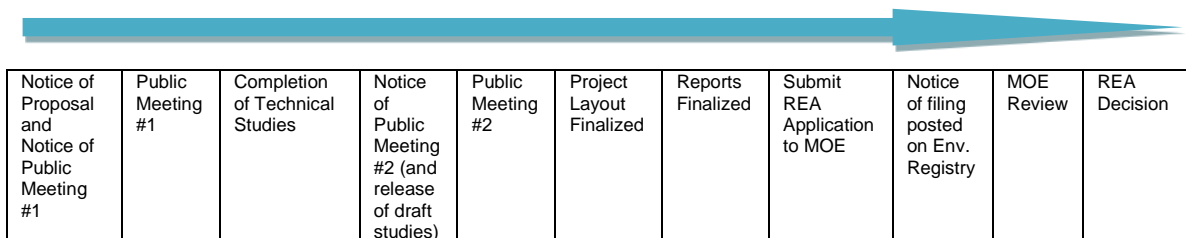
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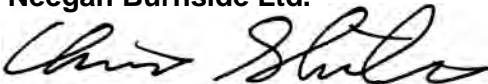
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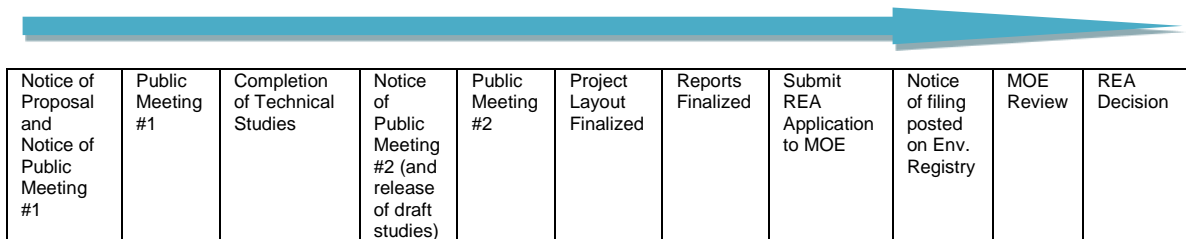
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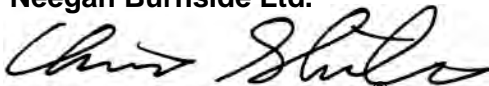
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Appendix J10
Agency Consultation
MOECC Technical Pre-Consultation
Meeting #1



**Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Meeting Minutes
for Conference Call with MOE**

Chris Shilton to: Anne Egan, Caitlin Larwa, mohsen.keyvani,
Paul.Jordan, Simon.Haslam, chris,
Scott.A.Parker

05/14/2014 10:21 AM

Cc: ctoset, Lyle Parsons, Karen Harrington

Good Morning All,

Please see attached for the minutes from our conference call on Friday, May 9, 2014.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,



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Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: May 9, 2014 **Project No.:** 300030895.0000

Project Name : Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Meeting Subject: Wastewater and Stormwater Management Design and Permitting

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Date Prepared: May 13, 2014

Those in attendance were:

Paul Jordan	Ministry of the Environment (MOE-TB)	Paul.Jordan@ontario.ca
Simon Haslam	Ministry of the Environment (MOE-TB)	Simon.Haslam@ontario.ca
Scott Parker	Ministry of the Environment (MOE-TB)	Scott.A.Parker@ontario.ca
Mohsen Keyvani	Ministry of the Environment (MOE-Tor)	Mohsen.Keyvani@ontario.ca
Chris Walton	Arbora Management Services Inc. (Arbora)	chris@arbora.ca
Anne Egan	Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside)	anne.egan@neeganburnside.com
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Chris Shilton	Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside)	chris.shilton@neeganburnside.com

The following items were discussed		Action by
1.	Project Overview & Permitting Requirements	
1.1	Neegan Burnside provided an overview of the project, including reference to the information available in the Draft Renewable Energy Approval (REA) reports that have been prepared and circulated.	INFO
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1.3	Previous consultation with MOE-Tor has indicated that the wastewater infrastructure for the facility will be fully permitted under REA as the majority of the wastewater flows from the site will be generated from the biomass cogeneration plant. Therefore, the ECA application will not include wastewater information. MOE-Tor to confirm if the same approach will apply to the project for stormwater.	MOE-Tor
1.4	The purpose of this meeting is to pre-consult with the technical review staff at MOE-TB to ensure the REA and ECA applications contain the appropriate design information and supporting documents.	INFO
2.	Wastewater Objectives	
2.1	Neegan Burnside provided an overview of the wastewater generated at the facility, and the proposed on-site subsurface disposal system. The majority of wastewater generated by the project is process wastewater from the cogeneration plant.	INFO
2.2	Neegan Burnside indicated that the specified wastewater volumes are maximum volumes, and Arbora added that the volumes are expected to be relatively constant throughout the year.	INFO
2.3	Arbora indicated that the process wastewater characteristics are essentially groundwater with some treatment via reverse-osmosis to de-mineralize the groundwater for use by the cogeneration plant.	INFO
2.4	A topographic survey of the site is expected to be completed in the near future, and will provide information to confirm the groundwater flow direction and applicable dilution area for the project.	INFO
2.5	MOE-TB confirmed that the infiltration rate of 250 mm/m ² /yr is a satisfactory assumption based on Section 22.5.8 of MOE's Design Guidelines for Sewage Works.	INFO
2.6	MOE-TB indicated that ½ of the site area for dilution appears to be a high estimate. Neegan Burnside confirmed that assumptions will be re-evaluated once detailed topographic and groundwater direction information is available.	Neegan Burnside
2.7	MOE-TB expects compliance with reasonable use guidelines at the site boundary.	Neegan Burnside

The following items were discussed		Action by
2.8	MOE-TB expects supporting information and calculations to confirm groundwater flow direction and comply with reasonable use guideline.	Neegan Burnside
2.9	MOE-TB expects the analysis to include consideration for frost (i.e., how will the system perform with frost depth of 10 ft.). Neegan Burnside noted the wastewater temperature is expected to assist as mitigation for frost concerns.	Neegan Burnside
2.10	MOE-TB indicated that projects with similar wastewater volumes in this region are typically managed with lagoons rather than subsurface disposal. MOE-TB also noted there is typically much less overburden in the region.	INFO
2.11	Neegan Burnside indicated that subsurface disposal has been proposed for the site based on having ideal soil conditions, and asked if MOE-TB is expecting to require a lagoon regardless. MOE-TB responded by stating that the proposal will need to be justified and defensible with respect to compliance.	INFO
2.12	MOE-TB expects the wastewater management facility to have a sampling point with regular monitoring to demonstrate compliance, as well as the capability to treat the effluent if it becomes necessary, including contingency plans.	Neegan Burnside
2.13	Arbora indicated the existing wells on site may be useful for groundwater monitoring.	INFO
2.14	Once the topographic survey of the site is completed, Neegan Burnside will complete the detailed design and provide MOE-TB with the requested supporting information and calculations outlined during this meeting. Further discussions can then take place regarding effluent quality for key parameters.	Neegan Burnside
3.	Stormwater Objectives	
3.1	Neegan Burnside provided an overview of the existing and proposed site characteristics relating to stormwater, including the proposed vegetated filter strip and bioswale at the downstream side of the project boundary. The proposed mitigation measures will be re-evaluated upon completion of the site topographic survey.	INFO

The following items were discussed		Action by
3.2	Neegan Burnside recommended that MOE-TB review the Draft Surface Water Assessment and Draft Project Description Report for the project to see the proposed facility design and mitigation measures for stormwater and surface water impacts. Neegan Burnside will send an e-mail to MOE-TB with links to those reports. MOE-TB will then review the reports and advise if additional details are required.	Neegan Burnside & MOE-TB
3.3	MOE-TB noted temperature concern from wastewater effluent depending on groundwater flow direction since Hoodoo creek is a cold water fish habitat	INFO
4.	Other Issues	
4.1	MOE-TB confirmed a room is booked from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. on Thursday May 15 for a meeting with MOE and MNR to discuss overall project status.	INFO
4.2	MOE-TB requested the 2005 groundwater study and Phase 1 and 2 ESA reports for the nearby MTO maintenance yard referenced in the 2013 hydrogeological assessment by Neegan Burnside.	Neegan Burnside
4.3	Arbora indicated MNR completed a Phase 1 and 2 ESA for the project site based on the previous use by a forest industry company, and should be available to MOE-TB at their office.	INFO

The preceding are the minutes of the meeting as observed by the undersigned. Should there be a need for revision, please advise within seven days. In the absence of notification to the contrary, these minutes will be deemed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes prepared by:

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All Attendees

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Appendix J11
Agency Consultation
Project Status Update Meeting with
MOECC and MNR

Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Presentation to Thunder Bay District
MOE/MNR

May 15, 2014



Whitesand First Nation

NEEGAN BURNSIDE

Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Provide a summary and overview of the project proposal.
- Provide overview of environmental aspects of the project.
- Discuss agreed upon environmental approval processes.
- Present the findings of our investigations and Draft reports, including potential environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures.
- Review outstanding issues (wastewater and waste management)
- Discuss timelines for approvals submission.



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- CSI created in 2010
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Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Project Location

- Proposed project is a pellet mill and cogeneration plant located approximately 2 km south of Armstrong.
- Site is located adjacent to Hydro One Diesel Generating Station and MTO Garage.
- Site is former logging camp; majority of site is disturbed and has former 'industrial' activity.
- Currently site is held by Sagatay Economic Development Corp. (Whitesand FN) under an MNR LUP.





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Project Overview

The Project will include:

- A cogeneration facility fueled by woodwaste (biomass), providing up to 4.3 MW of electricity for use by:
 - the proposed pellet plant and future local commercial development.
 - the communities of Whitesand, Armstrong and Collins.
- Wood pellet plant
 - will create 8 metric tons per hour or 60,000 metric tons per year of residential and/or industrial grade wood pellets.
 - will utilize heat, process steam, and electricity from the cogeneration plant to facilitate wood pellet manufacturing.
- Other components
 - A wood processing yard with ancillary equipment and storage areas, water supply and storage, wastewater management infrastructure, transformer substation, and maintenance garage.





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Project Importance

- Replace primary use of the Hydro One Remotes diesel generators that are currently providing electricity for the community.
- Reduce air emissions from the diesel generators that currently use approximately 1,000,000 litres of diesel fuel annually.
- Create approximately 50 full-time and 60 seasonal employment opportunities.
- Better forest utilization by making use of hardwoods and other non-merchantable timber to produce clean energy.
- Facility will be 100% owned by Whitesand First Nation (via Sagatay Cogeneration LP)

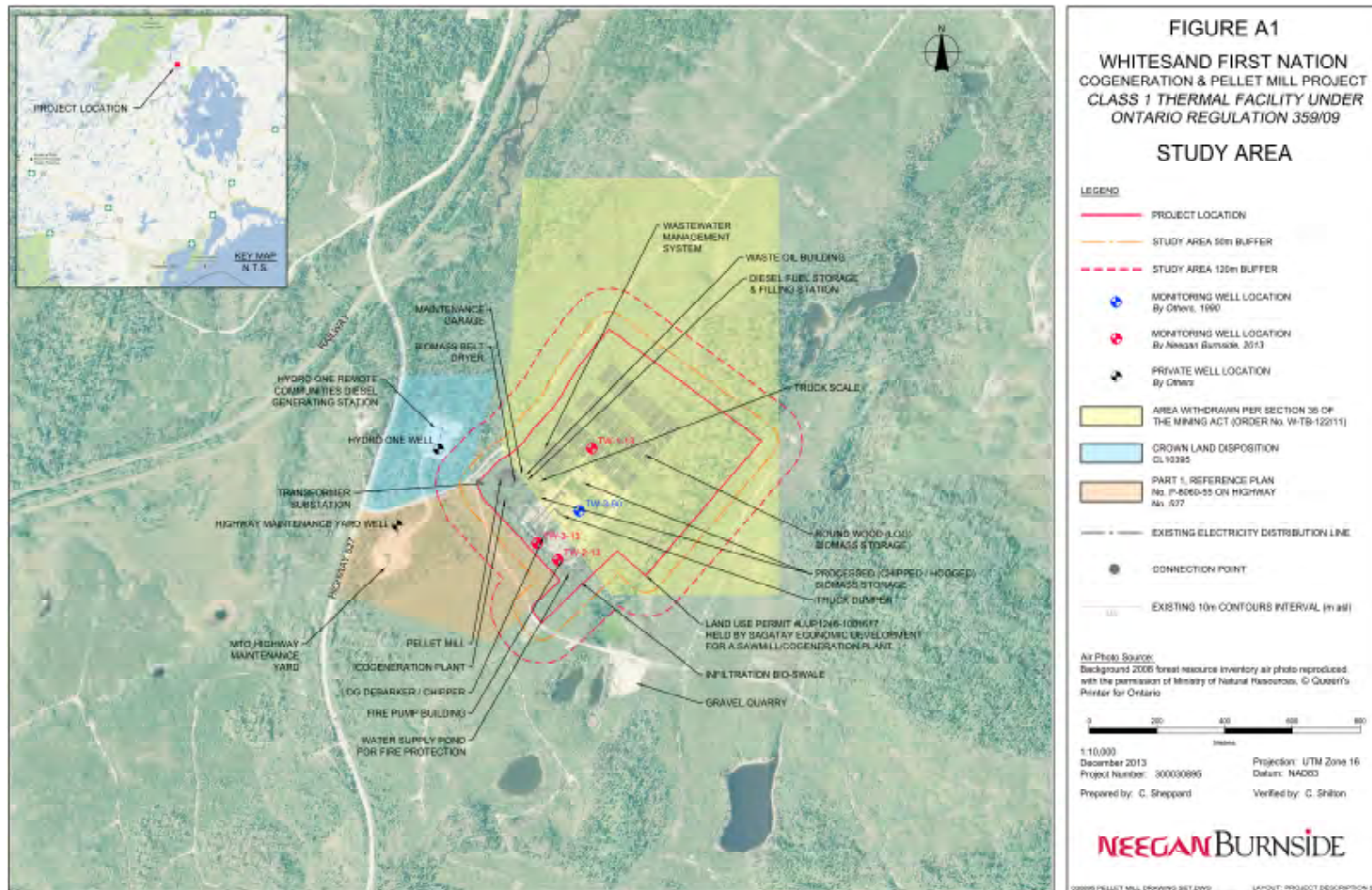




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Proposed Site Layout

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Environmental Aspects

Cogeneration Plant

- Traditional biomass fired (stoker/travelling grate) high pressure boiler technology
- Boiler Feed-water Treatment (RO Plant)
- Steam Turbine
- Cooling Tower
- Transformer Station/Power Line (connected to HOR)

Significant Aspects

- Boiler Combustion Gases
- Boiler Particulate Emissions (ESP treated)
- Boiler and RO Plant Wastewater (primarily blowdown and regen effluents)
- Boiler Ash (solid non-hazardous)
- Noise (boiler, turbine, fibre handling)





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Environmental Aspects

Pellet Plant

- Wood chip delivery and storage
- Low temperature belt dryer (chip feedstock)
- Chip processing and pelletizing
- Pellets bagged and placed on pallets for shipping
- Shipped via truck to nearby rail

Significant Aspects

- Particulate emission from chip grinding / pulverizing / pelleting (controlled with baghouses)
- Belt dryer emissions (low VOC's/particulate)
- Noise from process
- Dry process (ie. no wastewater)





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Environmental Aspects

Ancillary Equipment

- Yard Mobile Equipment
 - Consist of front end loaders to move biomass feedstock and fuel
 - Potential noise and air emissions
- Equipment Maintenance Shop
 - Equipment wash up and waste oils/lubricants
 - Hazardous waste (oil) and wastewater
- Administration Offices (located in Cogen/Pellet Plant)
 - Sanitary sewage (combined with process wastewater)
- Biomass Storage Piles
 - Two piles (fuel and feedstock) on paved surface
 - Potential leaching
- Diesel Fuel Storage and Filling
 - For mobile equipment and backup generators
 - Potential spills
- Water Source
 - Drilled Well + Fire Pond
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Proposed leaching bed/field





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- Initial pre-consultation with MOE conducted in 2011
 - T. Bay District and Renewable Energy Approvals Office
 - Identified applicability of Renewable Energy Approval for cogeneration part of plant.
 - Uncertainty at the time as to applicability of pellet mill component
- Retained NeeganBurnside in 2012 to prepare regulatory approvals
- Ongoing discussions with MOE (REA Office) identified that cogeneration components would be subject to REA and pellet mill components would be subject to regular ECA requirements.
- First biomass REA in the province.





Environmental Approvals and Permits

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The project includes renewable energy generation facility components and other components that will require multiple permits under various legislation.

Project Component	Approval / Permit
Cogeneration Plant (Class 1 Thermal Treatment Facility) and Ancillary Components	Environmental Protection Act Renewable Energy Approval (O. Reg. 359/09)
Pellet Plant and Ancillary Components	Environmental Protection Act & Ontario Water Resources Act Environmental Compliance Approval ("ECA") for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air and noise emissions Environmental Assessment Act Class EA for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects





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Equipment	Approval
Cogeneration plant (boiler, turbine etc)(Class 1 Thermal Treatment)	REA
Biomass fuel storage and handling	REA
All facility process and wash-up wastewater management	REA
All facility sanitary sewage treatment	REA
Site stormwater management and access roads / parking	REA
Transformer Station	REA
Diesel fuel storage and filling	REA
Water taking and storage	REA
Feedstock storage and handling	ECA (Air/Noise)
Feedstock Processing and Pellet plant	ECA (Air/Noise)
Boiler Ash	Any MOE Approved Landfill*





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- Water supply analysis completed in Spring 2013 (3 wells drilled/PTTW issued).
- REA Field Studies and Technical Report Preparation have been ongoing since spring of 2013.
- Draft Project Description Report was issued in June 2013
- Draft REA Reports, including facility ESDM/Noise Reports were completed and posted on-line for public comment in January 2014
 - See www.whitesandfirstnation.com for copies of all Draft Reports
- Total of 3 environmental focused community consultations have occurred since 2013
- Required aboriginal and municipal consultation has also been completed





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Economic Development

- Sagatay Economic Development
- Community Sustainability Initiative
- Local Delivery Mechanism





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REA Natural Heritage Field Work

Field studies were completed August 20 and 21, 2013 to document current conditions, including:

- Forest composition (dominant species);
- Wildlife habitats;
- Species at risk;
- Aquatic habitats.

Within the Project Footprint:

- Much of area is disturbed from previous forest industry use.
- Other lands have been harvested and replanted and can be described as a young regenerating forest.
- Subject to pre-construction habitat use studies, no significant natural features are present within the site footprint.





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REA Findings of Field Studies

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Lands Surrounding the Project:

Distance	Feature
Within 120m of the Project	Candidate habitat for Species of Conservation Concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olive-sided Flycatcher, Special Concern• Eastern Wood-Pewee, federally rare, under review in Ontario

- The Draft Natural Heritage Assessment analyzed potential impacts to these features, as well as determined appropriate mitigation measures to minimize those potential impacts.
- Pre-construction habitat use studies are planned to confirm the significance of habitat for species of conservation concern.





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REA Archaeological and Cultural Heritage

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- An Archaeological Stage 1 Assessment was completed for the project location by a licensed consultant archaeologist.
- The Archaeological Stage 1 Assessment concluded that extensive modification of the ground surface severely degraded any cultural heritage potential.
- Upon completion of the above assessment, a Cultural Heritage Self-Assessment was performed in accordance with O.Reg. 359/09.
- The assessment involved research and consultation with various agencies and stakeholders.
- The Cultural Heritage Self-Assessment concluded that there is low potential for the presence of a heritage resource at the project location.
- Based on the results of the Archaeological and Cultural Heritage assessments noted above, the project is not anticipated to result in any negative impacts to heritage resources.





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Potential Environmental Impacts

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Component*	Potential Impact*	Proposed Mitigation / Monitoring*
Air, Odour, Dust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dust and air emissions from equipment; Increased air-borne dust and particulate; Positive effects of reducing air emissions by reducing diesel generator emissions; Odour impacts from biomass storage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility to meet provincial standards, with approval required from MOE; Implement a Best Management Plan during operation and good site practices during construction to reduce air, odour, and particulate emissions; Covering loads of friable materials during transport as necessary; Processed (chipped/hogged) biomass to be stored on paved storage areas with proper drainage, consistent with the "Biomass Storage Environmental Practices Guide" (OFIA, 2008); Refer to the Draft Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report for further details regarding specific air emissions and compliance for this project.
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise emissions from equipment at the facility; Noise emissions from the transport of materials to and from the facility; Noise emissions from construction and decommissioning activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility to meet provincial standards, with approval required from MOE; Locate equipment with significant noise emissions in enclosed buildings; Industry best practices to be used to minimize noise impacts during construction and decommissioning (ie. maintaining equipment, appropriate scheduling of activities causing excessive noise; equipping mufflers, etc.); Regular facility maintenance during operational phase of project; Refer to the Draft Noise Study Report for further details regarding specific noise emissions and compliance for this project.
Public Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accidents, spills, malfunctions, fires; Water quality impacts on wells in the vicinity of the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Safety and Emergency Response plans will be prepared and implemented; Site security, safety, and fire protection equipment will be installed throughout the facility; Wastewater management system will be designed to meet MOE requirements; Nearby surface water and groundwater quality monitoring will take place.



*Complete details and additional environmental components are described in the Draft Project Description Report.





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Component*	Potential Impact*	Proposed Mitigation / Monitoring*
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erosion and sedimentation could impact nearby water bodies; Water quality impacts from spills, biomass leachate, or wastewater effluent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project has been sited on porous soil, over 120 m away from any water body. These conditions are conducive to infiltration, thereby reducing erosion and sedimentation from runoff; A vegetated filter strip and/or bioswale is proposed at the downstream side of the project location to provide additional protection of downstream water bodies against erosion and sedimentation; The facility will be equipped with a spill kit and constructed containment systems for specified oil-containing equipment such as the main site transformer and the waste oil building; The wastewater management system will be designed to meet MOE requirements for effluent limits, and processed (chipped/hogged) biomass storage piles will be paved with proper drainage to reduce leachate; A post-construction monitoring program is proposed to assess the water quality of local water bodies; Refer to the Draft Surface Water Assessment Report and Draft Effluent Management Plan Report for further details regarding mitigation measures for potential impacts on surface water features.
Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water quantity impacts on aquifer and vicinity wells; Water quality impacts from spills, biomass leachate, or wastewater effluent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A hydrogeological assessment of the site has been completed, and concludes that groundwater taking at a rate of 5.7 L/s from the well on site identified as "TW2-13" would not adversely impact the existing wells in the surrounding area, including those in Armstrong, Ontario. Refer to Appendix D of the Draft Design and Operations Report for the hydrogeological assessment; Refer to the mitigation measures from "Surface Water" above for protection of groundwater quality; Since the water bodies within 300 m of the project location are believed to be groundwater fed, the post-construction monitoring referenced in "Surface Water" above is expected to provide insight on groundwater quality conditions. The cogeneration plant will also be equipped with a water treatment system that will be able to detect water quality coming from the production well on site. Any abnormal incoming water quality characteristics will prompt notice to potentially affected groundwater users and corrective actions that may need to be taken.



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2013/2014 Public Meetings Summary

- Three public meetings were held in Armstrong, Ontario in 2013 & 2014
- 202 attended and 70 comment sheets were received

Category	# of Comment Sheets Received	Type of Comments
General / Positive	10	Excitement / encouragement for project development.
Jobs and Training	10	What kinds of jobs / training will be required?
Project Location and Environmental Effects	2	What air and noise emissions will come from the facility?
Community Development	4	How will this project benefit the community?
Other / No comment	44	Will electricity users still pay for electricity?





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Outstanding Issues

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- **Wastewater/Stormwater Control Design**
 - In discussion with MOE Technical Support on design/performance
 - Awaiting detailed topographic survey to assess groundwater flow (target June 1)
 - Finalized design and impact to be 'approved' by Region and submitted with REA/ECA Applications.
- **Waste Management**
 - Facility will generate ~2000 m³ of solid non-hazardous ash/year
 - Options for disposal have been assessed, including trucking to Thunder Bay, construction of new site, use (expansion) of Armstrong WDS and beneficial use.
 - Based on review, expansion of Armstrong WDS is the most feasible of options based on cost, permitting and logistics.
 - Request has been made to Thunder Bay District MNR for access to site.



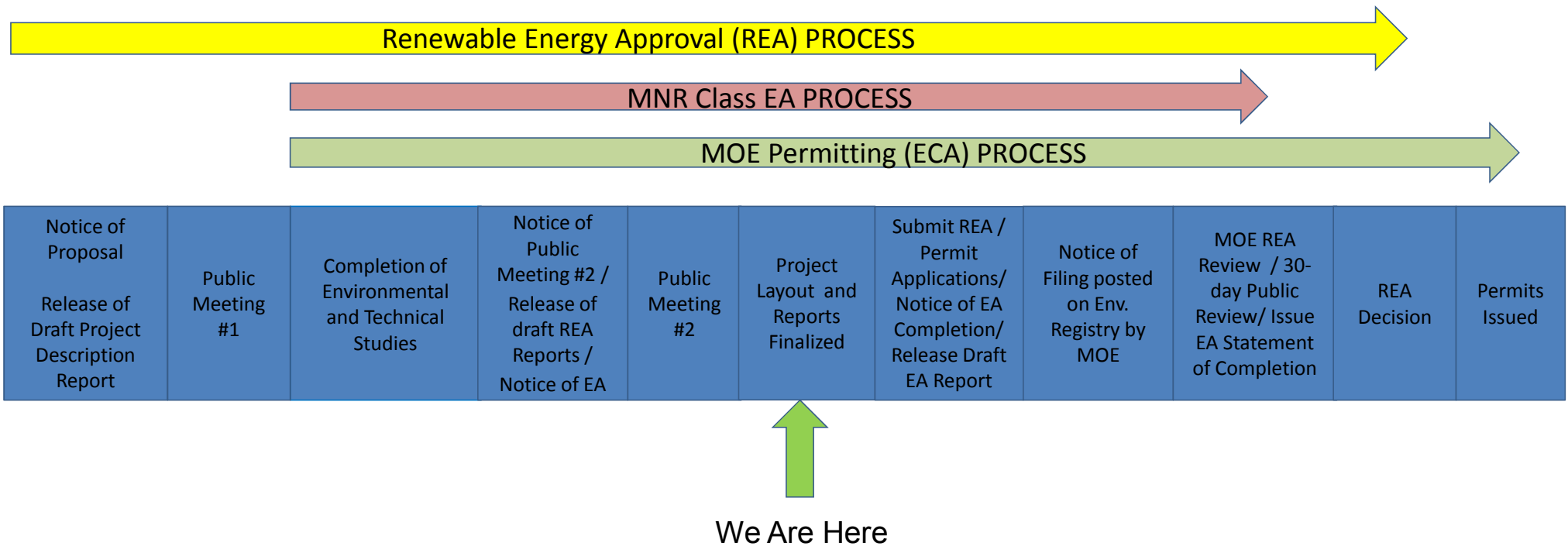


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Approvals Process

The Renewable Energy Approval (REA), Class EA, and ECA approval processes will run concurrently to streamline investigations, consultation, and government review.





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Project Schedule

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Project Activity	Anticipated Schedule
Issue First Draft Project Description Report	June 2013
REA Technical Studies	2013 through 2014
Public Information Centre #1	September 25, 2013
Issue Draft REA Reports to the Local Service Board	December 2013
Issue Draft REA Reports to the Public	January 2014
Public Information Centre #2	April 2, 2014
Permitting Applications / Approvals	June/September 2014
Start of Construction	Fall 2014/Winter 2015
Anticipated Equipment Life Expectancy	2015 – 2040
Equipment Retrofits and Replacement or Decommissioning	2041





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Appendix J12

Agency Consultation

Permitting Coordination with MOECC



RE: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Meeting Minutes for Conference Call with MOE

Keyvani, Mohsen (ENE)

to:

Chris Shilton

06/18/2014 11:10 AM

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Hi Chris,

I confirm that SWM for the entire site will be reviewed and approved under the REA. However, should at any time, for any reason, the REA for the project is suspended/revoked, then the applicant is required to apply and obtain an ECA for SWM for the entire site.

Regards...Mohsen

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Sent: June-17-14 4:53 PM

To: Keyvani, Mohsen (ENE)

Cc: Lyle Parsons; ctoset@tbaytel.net; Chris Walton; Tiina Ahokas

Subject: Fw: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Meeting Minutes for Conference Call with MOE

Good Afternoon Mohsen,

I am following-up on the attached minutes for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project and would appreciate your input on item 1.3. We are preparing our REA and ECA applications and want to make sure they are in the format expected by MOE.

As we understand it, this would be the breakdown for the application packages:

REA Application

- Will include all information and documentation as required by O.Reg. 359/09, with guidance from the Technical Guide to REA
- Will include information regarding the entire site and all components, whether they form part of the renewable energy generation facility or not (especially since all components are contained within the REA-defined "Project Location")

ECA Application

- We will apply only for Air and Noise, since you have previously indicated wastewater/sewage will be fully permitted under REA (please confirm this also applies to stormwater as requested in the attached minutes, item 1.3)
- The necessary project information and supporting documentation pertaining to Air and Noise will be provided as required by the application form

Please confirm and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Chris

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Date: 05/14/2014 10:21 AM
Subject: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - Meeting Minutes for Conference Call with MOE

Good Morning All,

Please see attached for the minutes from our conference call on Friday, May 9, 2014.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

RE: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - MOE Permitting

Keyvani, Mohsen (ENE)

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Hi Chris,

As per our phone conversation on November 19, 2013, this is to confirm that the wastewater component designed for the entire project will be fully permitted under O.Reg. 359/09 (i.e. REA) and no separate application under the ECA would be required. However, regarding the other components: Noise, ESDM and SWM, you are required to submit separate reports with the applications for approval under the REA and ECA for respectively thermal treatment facility and pellet mill facility. Though the content of the noise report would still be the same for both approvals.

Regards...Mohsen

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Subject: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project - MOE Permitting

Good Afternoon Mohsen,

Just following-up on our discussion last week regarding permitting for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. Could you please confirm that our approach is acceptable for the necessary approvals at MOE for the following:

Wastewater

- Our wastewater management system will be designed for the following:
 - Class 1 Thermal Treatment facility process wastewater and domestic sewage (this will be permitted under O.Reg. 359/09)
 - Pellet Mill domestic sewage (this will be an additional wastewater stream going to the system above, and will be less than 10,000 L/day)
- Given there will be one wastewater system designed for the entire project, we assume the wastewater aspect of the entire project will be fully permitted under O.Reg. 359/09 (ie. no separate ECA or public health unit permit)

Noise / ESDM / Stormwater

Our noise, ESDM, and surface water reports for REA will include emissions from all sources at the project site to properly evaluate the cumulative effect of the project, regardless of whether or not the equipment is considered part of the renewable energy generation facility.

ECA

As previously discussed with Narren Santos, we understand the project requires REA approval for the components of the project that are part of the renewable energy generation facility, and ECA approval for the non-renewable energy generation facility components. Based on the above, we assume the ECA will apply exclusively to the air and noise emissions from the project, while the wastewater management system will be permitted under REA.

Please confirm at your earliest convenience, and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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MOECC Technical Pre-Consultation
Meeting #2



Minutes of July 23, 2014 Meeting

Kathleen Alexander to: Paul.Jordan, Simon.Haslam, chris, Jim
Baxter, Anne Egan, Caitlin Larwa, Chris
Shilton

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Hello Everyone,

Attached please find the minutes from our July 23, 2014 meeting.



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Have a great weekend,

Kathleen

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Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: July 23, 2014 **Project No.:** 300030895.0000
Project Name : Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project
Meeting Subject: Wastewater and Stormwater Management Design and Permitting
Meeting Location: Conference Call
Date Prepared: August 1, 2014

Those in attendance were:

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The following items were discussed		Action by
1.	Project Update & Review of Previous Meeting Minutes	
1.1	This meeting is intended to further pre-consultation with MOE, following-up on a previous meeting held on May 9, 2014. Since May 9, 2014 Neegan Burnside has gathered additional information, analyzed groundwater flow direction, and prepared a corresponding detailed design for the proposed wastewater management system for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. The objective for this meeting is to discuss the updated design, and ensure MOE-TB is satisfied with the level of detail to be included in a pending application for Renewable Energy Approval (REA).	Info

The following items were discussed		Action by
1.2	After the May 9, 2014 conference call, Neegan Burnside provided the draft REA reports related to surface water to MOE-TB and has not received any comments or requests for additional information.	Info
1.3	Neegan Burnside provided the 2005 groundwater study to MOE-TB as requested.	Info
1.4	Mohsen Keyvani from the MOE approvals branch in Toronto has confirmed that the stormwater aspect of the project will be fully permitted under REA; as will be done for wastewater. Therefore, an ECA will be required only for the air and noise components of the project.	Info
2.	Wastewater Design	
2.1	Neegan Burnside provided a hydrogeology figure indicating that the direction of groundwater flow on site is toward the southeast project boundary and that beyond the southeast project boundary, it is predicted that the groundwater flow has a southwest direction.	Info
2.2	Neegan Burnside provided an updated site plan and impact assessment based on the direction of groundwater flow and the location and dimensions of the proposed leaching bed. The location of the effluent bed changed to provide separation from on-site wells and avoidance from the predicted effluent plume.	Info
2.3	The impact assessment has been undertaken in accordance with MOE Guideline B-7 and has been prepared with regard to Chapter 22 of the MOE's 2008 Design Guideline for Sewage Works. Based on the analysis, it can be demonstrated that Reasonable Use is met at the down-gradient property line, and therefore, no unacceptable impacts to down-gradient water resources are anticipated.	Info
2.4	MOE-TB asked what method was used for calculating effluent parameter concentration at the down-gradient property line. Neegan Burnside explained each parameter was analyzed using a mass balance approach and an infiltration rate of 250 mm/year to show that Reasonable Use can be met at the property boundary (i.e., predicted concentrations will not exceed the allowable maximum of 25% of the difference between the Ontario Drinking Water Standard and the background concentration).	Info
2.5	MOE-TB asked why the wastewater quantities have changed since	Info

The following items were discussed	Action by
<p>the previous analysis. Neegan Burnside explained there has been an addition of process wash-water. Arbora added that the previous design was based on a Class 20 engineering design by WSP. The new wastewater volumes are based on WSP's Class 10 engineering design – representing an expected refinement in water balance numbers.</p>	
<p>2.6 Neegan Burnside identified TW2-13 as the proposed water supply well for the project.</p>	Info
<p>2.7 MOE-TB inquired about how the groundwater direction and bedrock valley were determined. Neegan Burnside provided the rationale behind groundwater direction analysis and bedrock valley interpretation based on regional and site-specific information. Neegan Burnside described the well selection used for groundwater direction analysis and noted that the Hydro One well was not included because it is a bedrock well, and that the MTO wells were not included because the information was not made available to Neegan Burnside.</p>	Info
<p>2.8 MOE-TB asked how the water supply well is protected from wastewater effluent. Neegan Burnside explained that a proposed setback distance of approximately 250 m has been provided, which is well in excess of the required 15 m established by MOE guidelines for on-site private wells. Further, Neegan Burnside explained that significant dilution is expected as the bed is located on, and discharges to, very permeable soil composed mainly of sand and gravel. Because of the significant lateral flow through sand and gravel, parameter concentration estimates are considered to be conservative.</p>	Info
<p>2.9 MOE-TB asked how frost was considered in the wastewater design. Neegan Burnside explained that insulation is proposed to protect both piping and tanks, the bed is proposed to be installed at a lower depth, and the process wastewater is warm.</p>	Info
<p>2.10 MOE-TB asked why subsurface effluent discharge is being proposed instead of ponding or impoundment. Neegan Burnside explained that the site conditions are conducive to subsurface disposal (very permeable soils). Arbora added that it is not desirable to run pipelines over great distances to find a suitable outlet for a treatment option. Proposed monitoring points will allow for a comprehensive check on parameters both entering and exiting the effluent stream.</p>	Info

The following items were discussed		Action by
2.11	Based on the updated information provided, and discussed on the conference call, MOE-TB confirmed that they are satisfied Neegan Burnside has supplied what is needed for technical review as long as it is documented in the updated final reports. Particularly, explanation for groundwater level interpretation, bedrock valley interpretation, monitoring well locations and plan, compliance with reasonable use, pump test results with analysis, and frost considerations will need to be addressed in the final reports.	Info
3.	Stormwater Assessment	
3.1	MOE-TB confirmed that they are satisfied with the details provided in the Draft REA reports for technical review and noted that the round log biomass storage is no longer a component of the project. Neegan Burnside noted that a hard surfaced pad will be used for the storage of hogged and chipped biomass. Arbora noted that ash generated from facility operation will be disposed of into a container or truck inside the process building. Neegan Burnside reiterated that the final surface water reports will be similar to the Draft REA reports, with some additional details based on site topography and the modified site plan design.	Info

The preceding are the minutes of the meeting as observed by the undersigned. Should there be a need for revision, please advise within seven days. In the absence of notification to the contrary, these minutes will be deemed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes prepared by:

Neegan Burnside Ltd.



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**Appendix J14
Agency Consultation
Updated Natural Heritage Assessment
to MNR**



Updated Natural Heritage Assessment - Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Chris Shilton via Thru

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09/12/2014 03:01 PM

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Good Afternoon Jeff,

Please follow the attached download instructions for our updated Natural Heritage Assessment for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. This updated document includes the following changes from the previous Draft report:

- MNR comments on the Draft report have been addressed
- Parts III and IV have been updated based on the results of pre-construction monitoring / habitat use studies by Northern Bioscience Ecological Consulting. An appendix has also been added to include the report from Northern Bioscience.
- Project activity descriptions and proposed site plan figures have been updated to reflect the final facility design and processes. There is no longer whole log storage and associated debarking/chipping proposed on-site.

We would appreciate your review and written confirmation and comments in accordance with [section 28 of O.Reg. 359/09](#) as soon as possible as we plan on applying for Renewable Energy Approval shortly.

Should you have any questions or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You,

Chris Shilton

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Appendix J15

Agency Consultation

**Other Agency Correspondence of
Review, Comment, Approval, and
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Whitesand First Nation Biomass Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project
Campbell, Paige (MTCS)

to:
Scott Hamilton (shamilto@lakeheadu.ca)
12/10/2013 04:05 PM

Cc:
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From: "Campbell, Paige (MTCS)" <Paige.Campbell@ontario.ca>

To: "Scott Hamilton (shamilto@lakeheadu.ca)" <shamilto@lakeheadu.ca>,

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Scott,

Please find attached an acceptance letter for the archaeological assessment of the Whitesand First Nation Biomass Cogeneration and Pellet Mill project.

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Dec 10, 2013

Scott Hamilton (P276)
Hamilton Consulting
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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports:
Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment:
Proposed Whitesand First Nation Biomass Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project",
Dated Nov 12, 2013, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Nov 21, 2013, MTCS Project
Information Form Number P276-024-2013, MTCS File Number 0000469**

Dear Doctor. Hamilton:

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report, which has been submitted to this ministry as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18.¹ This review has been carried out in order to determine whether the licensed professional consultant archaeologist has met the terms and conditions of their licence, that the licensee assessed the property and documented archaeological resources using a process that accords with the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists set by the ministry, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations are consistent with the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.

The report documents the assessment of the study area as depicted in Figure 2 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

The study area does not require further archaeological assessment.

Based on the information contained in the report, the ministry is satisfied that the fieldwork and reporting for the archaeological assessment are consistent with the ministry's 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and the terms and conditions for archaeological licences. This report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. Please note that the ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of reports in the register.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Paige Campbell
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Chris Shilton, Neegan Burnside Ltd.
Jeff Black, Ministry of Natural Resources

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may need to be taken in the event that additional artifacts or archaeological sites are identified or the Report(s) is otherwise found to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

RE: Request for Cultural Heritage Information for Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Registrar (MTCS)

to:

Ashley Gallagher, Registrar (MTCS)

01/21/2014 11:47 AM

Cc:

Chris Shilton

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From: "Registrar (MTCS)" <Registrar@ontario.ca>

To: Ashley Gallagher <Ashley.Gallagher@rjburnside.com>, "Registrar (MTCS)"

<Registrar@ontario.ca>,

Cc: Chris Shilton <Chris.Shilton@rjburnside.com>

Hello,

Further to my colleagues response, the property is currently not included in the List of provincial heritage property, as to our knowledge an evaluation has not been undertaken. However, if potential heritage resources are identified, requirements under the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Property will be applicable.

Regards,

Deborah Hossack

Registrar, Register Developer, Heritage Advisor

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From: Ashley Gallagher [<mailto:Ashley.Gallagher@rjburnside.com>]

Sent: January 17, 2014 10:31 AM

To: Registrar (MTCS)

Cc: Chris Shilton

Subject: Fw: Request for Cultural Heritage Information for Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Good Morning,

On November 26, 2013, Neegan Burnside Ltd. sent you a second request for Cultural Heritage Information relating to Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. We still have not received a reply in regards to this project from the MTCS Registrar. Please provide a response to confirm whether or not there are properties listed on the MTCS list of Provincial Heritage Properties.

Please see the below message that was sent as a follow up on November 26, 2013, as well as the original information request letter attached.

We appreciate your prompt response to this request.

If you should require additional information, please contact Project Manager Chris Shilton at:

Email: Chris.Shilton@rjburnside.com

Telephone: (905) 866-8405

Thank you,

Ashley Gallagher



Ashley Gallagher
Environmental Scientist

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From: Ashley Gallagher/RJB
To: "Registrar (MTCS)" <Registrar@ontario.ca>,
Date: 11/27/2013 10:11 AM
Subject: RE: Request for Cultural Heritage Information for Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Hi Deborah,

Thank you for your prompt reply. We appreciate your assistance, and look forward to hearing from your colleagues soon.

Regards,

Ashley Gallagher

From: "Registrar (MTCS)" <Registrar@ontario.ca>
To: Ashley Gallagher <Ashley.Gallagher@rjburnside.com>,

Cc: "Kulpa, Paula (MTCS)" <Paula.Kulpa@ontario.ca>, "Muller, Joseph (MTCS)" <Joseph.Muller@ontario.ca>
Date: 11/26/2013 04:26 PM
Subject: RE: Request for Cultural Heritage Information for Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Hi Ashley,

I am sorry you have not heard back as yet with regards to your project. I forwarded your email and attachments to my colleagues and they assured me they would be responding to you as soon as possible. We have many projects to review and wish to thank you for your patience.

Regards,

Deborah Hossack

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From: Ashley Gallagher [<mailto:Ashley.Gallagher@rjburnside.com>]

Sent: November 26, 2013 2:53 PM

To: Registrar (MTCS)

Subject: Re: Request for Cultural Heritage Information for Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Good afternoon,

On October 21, 2013, Neegan Burnside Ltd. sent you a request for Cultural Heritage Information relating to Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. We are nearing completion of our draft documents for Renewable Energy Approval, and would appreciate your prompt input requested in the letter.

If you have not yet received the aforementioned letter, or would like an additional copy, please respond to this request, indicating your preferred contact medium (ie. email or letter by mail).

Please submit your comments to the following mailing or email address:

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton
Neegan Burnside Ltd.
292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20
Guelph, ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Kind Regards,

Ashley Gallagher



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RE: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Plant Project, MTCS comments
 Muller, Joseph (MTCS)
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 To: Chris Shilton <Chris.Shilton@rjburnside.com>,
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Hi Chris:

Sorry I didn't get back to you yesterday. The archaeological assessment definitely takes care of your second bullet.

As far as the first bullet goes, I would suggest that you send an (another?) email to the Provincial Registrar (Regsitrar@ontario.ca) to confirm whether or not there are any provincial heritage properties in the area (sorry to pass the buck, but we heritage planners don't have that information - yet). Otherwise, Parks Canada, and the Ontario Heritage Trust and should be contacted, as well as any other interested heritage or (other) Aboriginal groups. Since a land based archaeological assessment has already been completed for this project, while they are not required to confirm the absence or presence of built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, that report may also contain information that is helpful in providing a historical background/context and identifying interested parties and potential resources.

Drop me a line if you have any questions or want to further discuss the file. Thank you,

Joe

Joseph Muller, RPP, MCIP

Heritage Planner

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From: Chris Shilton [<mailto:Chris.Shilton@rjburnside.com>]

Sent: December 16, 2013 1:13 PM

To: Muller, Joseph (MTCS)

Cc: Ashley Gallagher

Subject: Re: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Plant Project, MTCS comments

Good Afternoon Joe,

Thank you for your input below regarding the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. Could you please confirm the following:

- We sent a separate e-mail to the MTCS registrar on October 21, 2013 asking if they have any information confirming that the project is located on, or abuts a parcel of land that is included on the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's list of provincial heritage properties. Can you please confirm this information on behalf of the registrar?
- In your letter, you asked us to contact Robert von Bitter regarding consideration of archaeological resources. We have prepared a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the project, and it has been accepted by MTCS as noted in the attached letter. As such, we will not contact Robert von Bitter for further

MTCS comments unless otherwise instructed.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Chris

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Thank you.

From: "Muller, Joseph (MTCS)" <Joseph.Muller@ontario.ca>
To: "whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com" <whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com>,
Date: 11/27/2013 01:58 PM
Subject: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Plant Project, MTCS comments

Hello Chris Shilton:

Please find attached our response to your request dated October 21, 2013, for the above project, and contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the file. Thank-you for your assistance,

Joe

Joseph Muller, RPP, MCIP
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Please find attached our response to your request dated October 21, 2013, for the above project, and contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the file. Thank-you for your assistance,

Joe

Joseph Muller, RPP, MCIP

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November 27, 2013 (EMAIL ONLY)

Chris Shilton
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Project : Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Plant Project
Location : Unorganized Territory (Armstrong Station area), Thunder Bay District
MTC File No. : 0000469

Dear Chris Shilton:

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) has received your request, as per the Renewable Energy Approvals process of *Ontario Regulation 359/09* under the *Environmental Protection Act*, to determine whether the above-noted renewable energy project affects cultural heritage resources.

MTC understands that this project is classified as a **Class 1 Thermal Facility**.

Section 19 of O.Reg. 359/09 requires proponents to contact the Ministry to determine if a renewable energy project location is:

- Designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest of provincial significance (under section 34.5 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*);
- The subject of a notice of intention to designate as a property of cultural heritage value or interest of provincial significance (under section 34.6 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*); or,
- Designated as a historic site (under Regulation 880 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*)

As a result of this review, the Ministry notes that this project location is not located on a protected property as stipulated in section 19 of O. Reg. 359/09. The Armstrong Local Service Board (Armstrong Resource Development Corporation) and the Ontario Heritage Trust should be contacted regarding the remaining types of protected properties listed in the Table under section 19.

Please contact the Ministry's Archaeology Database Coordinator, [Robert von Bitter](#), regarding the consideration of archaeological resources under Section 21(2)(a) of O.Reg. 359/09. My brief review of our data does not indicate that any archaeological sites have been registered on the subject property, but it may have archaeological potential due to the proximity of the project to water.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the file. Thank-you for your assistance,

Joseph Muller
Heritage Planner
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October 21, 2013

Via: Mail

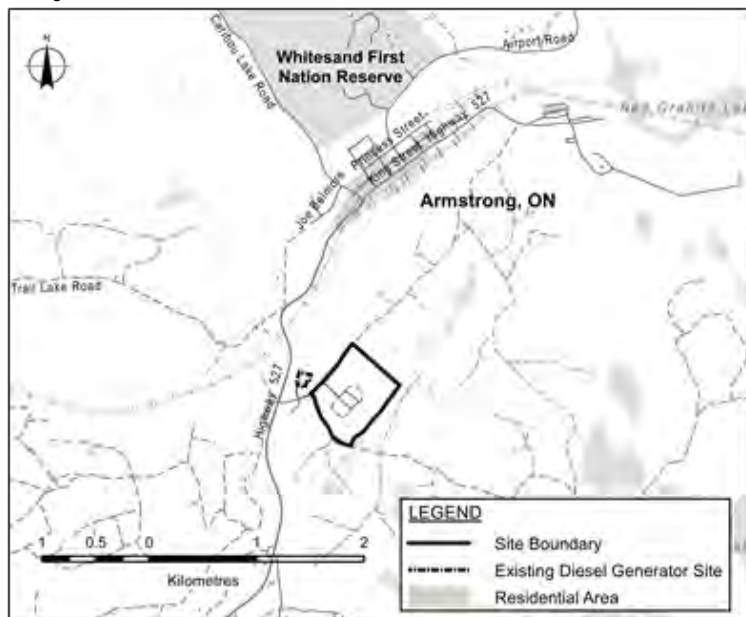
Ms. Paula Kulpa
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Dear Ms. Paula Kulpa:

**Re: Request for Cultural Heritage Information
Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Plant Project
File No.: 300030895**

Neegan Burnside Ltd. ("Neegan Burnside") is preparing an Application for Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") on behalf of Whitesand First Nation for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on crown land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario. A contextual map of the site location can be found below, and a more detailed site plan of the project location is enclosed.


Project Location



Further details about the proposed project can be found in the Draft Project Description Report, available online at www.whitesandfirstnation.com, or in print for viewing at the following locations:

Whitesand First Nation Reserve Band Office Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation PO Box 68, Armstrong ON P0T 1A0 Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Armstrong Local Service Board 111 Queen St. Armstrong Station ON P0T 1A0 Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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The project is subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09. It is also subject to the provisions of the Ministry of Natural Resources Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. These processes include consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, they include public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A brief outline of the processes is outlined below.



Notice of Proposal / Release of Draft Project Description Report	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Environmental and Technical Studies	Notice of Public Meeting #2 / Release of draft REA Reports / Notice of EA	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout and Reports Finalized	Submit REA / Permit Applications / Notice of EA Completion/ Release Draft EA Report	Notice of Filing posted on Env. Registry by MOE	MOE REA Review / 30-day Public Review/ Issue EA Statement of Completion	REA Decision	Permits Issued
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Applicants for REA under the Environmental Protection Act, who opt to consider the potential for heritage resources under subsection 23 (2) of Ontario Regulation 359/09, must complete a self-assessment to determine if the site is located on or abutting a parcel of land which contains cultural heritage potential. This includes consultation with local municipalities, cultural heritage associations and First Nation communities to obtain information on cultural heritage resources in the area. Please note that other requests for information have been sent to the appropriate representatives of other groups or agencies to gather necessary information for the self-assessment.

In order to thoroughly research the potential for cultural heritage resources on site, Neegan Burnside is sending this letter to request your input. In particular, please identify if this site is located on or abutting a property that:

1. Is defined as a 'protected property' as outlined in Section 19 of Ontario Regulation 359/09. Within the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's purview of this clause, protected properties include those which:

- a. Have been designated by order of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport made under section 34.5 of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest of provincial significance;
 - b. A notice of intention to designate the property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest of provincial significance has been given in accordance with section 34.6 of the Ontario Heritage Act;
 - c. Have been designated as a historic site under Regulation 880 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990 (Historic Sites) made under the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. Contains a federal, provincial or municipal plaque;
 3. Contains a National Historic Site (as designated by the Federal Minister of the Environment);
 4. Contains a burial site or cemetery;
 5. Contains structures over forty years old including: residential structures, farm buildings and outbuildings, industrial, commercial, or institutional buildings and/or engineering works etc.;
 6. Contains or is part of a cultural heritage landscape (ie. Aboriginal trail, park, Canadian Heritage River, designated garden, historic road or rail corridor, etc.);
 7. Is considered a landmark in the local community or contains any structures or sites that are important to defining the character of the area (ie. prominent buildings or landscape features, complexes of buildings, monuments etc.);
 8. Has a special association with a community, person or historical event (ie. Aboriginal sacred site, traditional-use areas, battlefield, birthplace of an individual of importance to the community etc.);
 9. Contains extractive areas for food or scarce resources;
 10. Contains Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal settlements (ie. places of early military or pioneer settlement, older core of a community, early wharf or dock, pioneer churches, early cemeteries etc.);
 11. Contains a significant or historical transportation route (ie. trail, pass, road, rail, portage route, canal, heritage river, shipping route, etc.); and
 12. Contains a heritage trail, buildings or ruins that cannot be found through site visits or other means (ie. flooded area).

Your participation in this study is much appreciated. Please submit your comments to the following mailing or email address:

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com

Mail: Chris Shilton
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Shilton".

Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP
Project Manager
CS:sd

Enc. Project Location Figure

Cc Craig Toset, Business Development, Whitesand First Nation
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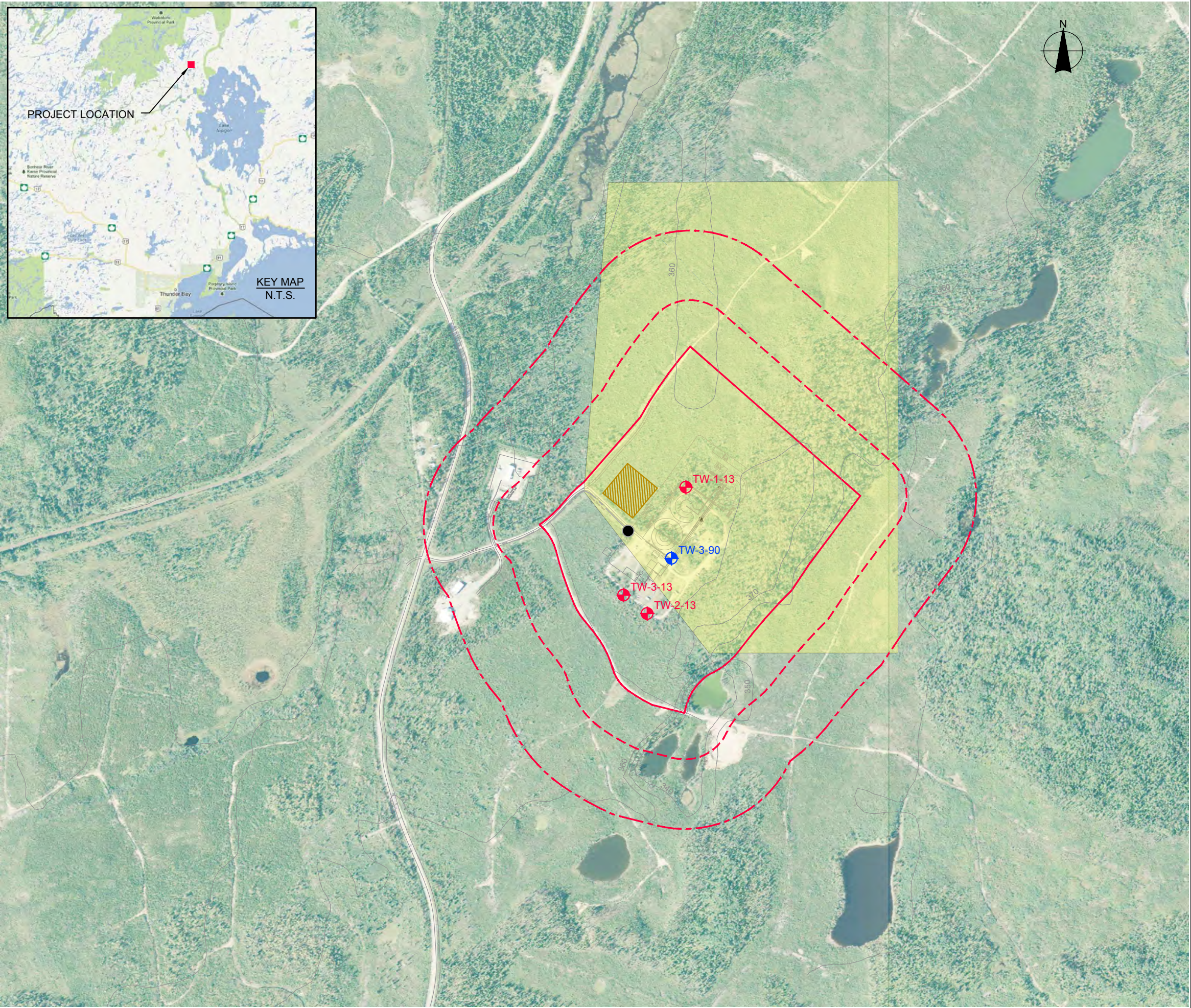


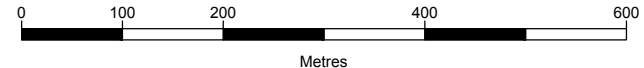
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PELLET MILL & BIOMASS PROJECT
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October 21, 2013

Via: Email

Ministry of Culture, Heritage and Sport,
Registrar of Provincial Heritage Properties

To whom it may concern:

**Re: Request for Cultural Heritage Information
Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Plant Project
File No.: 300030895**

Neegan Burnside Ltd. ("Neegan Burnside") is preparing an Application for Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") on behalf of Whitesand First Nation for the above-referenced biomass fueled electric power and heat cogeneration plant, and wood pellet facility, located on crown land in an unorganized territory of the Thunder Bay District near Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong, Ontario. A contextual map of the site location can be found below, and a more detailed site plan of the project location is enclosed.


Project Location



Further details about the proposed project can be found in the Draft Project Description Report, available online at www.whitesandfirstnation.com, or in print for viewing at the following locations:

Whitesand First Nation Reserve Band Office Lot 4A, Whitesand Road, Whitesand First Nation PO Box 68, Armstrong ON P0T 1A0 Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Armstrong Local Service Board 111 Queen St. Armstrong Station ON P0T 1A0 Standard Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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The project is subject to the provisions of the REA process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 359/09. It is also subject to the provisions of the Ministry of Natural Resources Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects. These processes include consideration of environmental aspects, natural heritage features and water bodies as well as heritage and archaeological resources. In addition, they include public, agency and aboriginal consultations. A brief outline of the processes is outlined below.



Notice of Proposal / Release of Draft Project Description Report	Public Meeting #1	Completion of Environmental and Technical Studies	Notice of Public Meeting #2 / Release of draft REA Reports / Notice of EA	Public Meeting #2	Project Layout and Reports Finalized	Submit REA / Permit Applications / Notice of EA Completion/ Release Draft EA Report	Notice of Filing posted on Env. Registry by MOE	MOE REA Review / 30-day Public Review/ Issue EA Statement of Completion	REA Decision	Permits Issued
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Applicants for REA under the *Environmental Protection Act*, who opt to consider the potential for heritage resources under subsection 23 (2) of Ontario Regulation 359/09, must complete a self-assessment to determine if the site is located on or abutting a parcel of land which contains cultural heritage potential. This includes consultation with local municipalities, cultural heritage associations and First Nation communities to obtain information on cultural heritage resources in the area. Please note that other requests for information have been sent to the appropriate representatives of other groups or agencies to gather necessary information for the self-assessment.

In order to thoroughly research the potential for cultural heritage resources on site, Neegan Burnside is sending this letter to request your input. In particular, please identify if you have any information confirming that the project is located on, or abuts a parcel of land that is included on the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's list of provincial heritage properties.

Your participation in this study is much appreciated. Please submit your comments to the following mailing or email address:

E-mail: whitesandbiomass@neeganburnside.com


Mail: Chris Shilton
Neegan Burnside Ltd.
292 Speedvale Avenue West, Unit 20
Guelph, ON N1H 1C4

Phone/Fax: 1-800-935-0832

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Neegan Burnside Ltd.



Chris Shilton, P.Eng., LEED®AP
Project Manager
CS:sd

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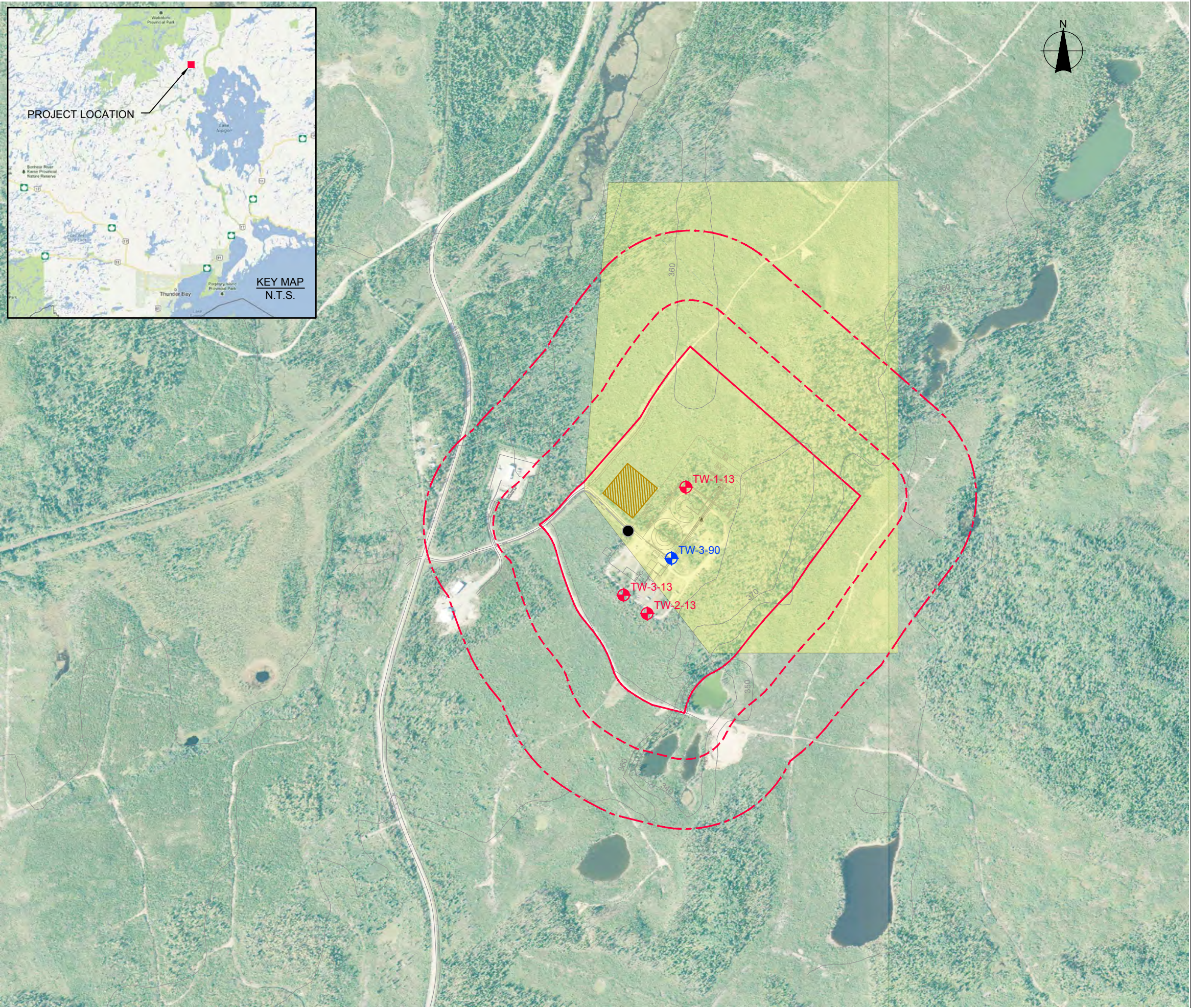


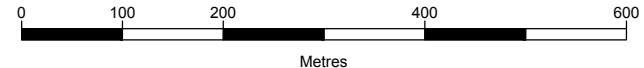
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RE: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project
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1 Attachment



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Hi Chris

I've added some comments to the attached word doc. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Jeff
 807 475-1452

From: Chris Shilton [<mailto:Chris.Shilton@rjburnside.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 2:28 PM
To: Black, Jeff (MNR)
Cc: Aikman, Rik (MNR); ctoset@tbaytel.net; Chris Walton; Tiina Ahokas; Lyle Parsons; Nicholle Smith
Subject: Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

Good Afternoon Jeff,

As discussed, later this week, you will be sending us comments on the Natural Heritage Assessment for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project. We will update the Natural Heritage Assessment based on those comments, as well as the findings of Northern Bioscience during their recent fieldwork investigations.

We look forward to your comments as we are getting close to making an Application for Renewable Energy Approval.

Thanks,

Chris

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October 8, 2014

Chief [REDACTED]
Sagatay Economic Development LP
[REDACTED]Armstrong, Ontario
P0T 1A0

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Natural Heritage Assessment Confirmation for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project

In accordance with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) Regulation (O.Reg.359/09), the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project Natural Heritage Assessment, dated August 2014 and submitted by Neegan Burnside Ltd. on September 12, 2014.

In accordance with Section 28(2) and 38(2)(b) of the REA regulation, MNRF provides the following confirmations as a result of our review of the natural heritage assessment:

1. that determination of the existence of natural features and the boundaries of natural features was made using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures set out in the Natural Heritage Assessment Guide for Renewable Energy Projects, Second Edition November 2012
2. that the evaluation of the significance or provincial significance of the natural features was conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures set out in the Natural Heritage Assessment Guide for Renewable Energy Projects, Second Edition November 2012
3. that the project location is not in a provincial park or conservation reserve
4. that the environmental impact assessment report has been prepared in accordance with the Natural Heritage Assessment Guide for Renewable Energy Projects, Second Edition November 2012

In accordance with Section 28(3)(c) and 38(2)(c) of the REA regulation the MNRF also offers the following comments in respect of the project:

MNRF is providing this confirmation letter based on the review of the information provided in your natural heritage assessment reports. This confirmation letter is valid for the project as proposed in the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study. Should any changes be made to the proposed project that would alter the natural heritage assessment, MNRF may need to undertake additional review of the natural heritage assessment.

Where specific commitments have been made by the applicant in the natural heritage assessment with respect to project design, construction, rehabilitation, operation, mitigation, or monitoring, MNRF expects that these commitments will be considered in the MOECC Renewable Energy Approval decision and, if approved, be implemented by the applicant.

This confirmation does not address any requirements and authorizations that may be required under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*.

In accordance with section 28(3) and 38(2) of the Renewable Energy Approvals Regulation, this letter must be included as part of your application submitted to the MOECC for a Renewable Energy Approval.

If you wish to discuss any part of this confirmation or additional comments provided, please contact Jeff Black, Management Biologist at 807-475-1452 or email: jeff.black@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Frank Miklas
District Manager
Thunder Bay District Office

cc. Emily Hawkins, NWR Renewable Energy Coordinator, MNRF
Craig Tose, Sagatay Economic Development LP
Chris Shilton, Neegan Burnside Ltd.

Comments on Whitesand Cogeneration draft REA documents
 Helfinger, Michael (MEDTE/MRI)

to:

Chris Shilton

02/04/2014 11:30 AM

Cc:

"Bullen, John (MEDTE/MRI)", "Lashbrook, Ross (ENE)"

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Hello Chris:

Thank you for inviting the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment to comment on the draft Renewable Energy Approval documents for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill project. Our comments are contained in the attached letter. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss.

Regards,

Michael Helfinger, MA, MBA

Senior Policy Advisor

Cabinet Office Liaison and Policy Support Unit

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February 3, 2014

Mr. Chris Shilton, P.Eng.
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Dear Mr. Shilton:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment (MEDTE) with a copy of the draft documents in support of a Renewable Energy Approval for the Whitesand First Nation Cogeneration and Pellet Mill Project, proposed by Sagatay Cogeneration LP.

We do not possess the expertise to comment on the potential environmental impacts of the projects or the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures. MEDTE notes that completion of the facility would create an estimated 25 skilled full-time jobs, and would replace the relatively expensive diesel generated power that currently supplies Whitesand and the nearby community of Armstrong Station (except for emergency backup situations) with lower-cost biomass energy. This could further support local economic development and serve as a demonstration project for the broader adoption of biomass as a renewable, low carbon-emitting, cost-effective energy source in Ontario.

For the reasons outlined above, Sagatay Cogeneration may look forward to MEDTE's continued support for the project.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 416.325.6519 or michael.helfinger@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Helfinger, Senior Policy Advisor
c.c. John Bullen, Manager, Cabinet Office Liaison and Policy Support Unit



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April 17, 2014

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Sent by mail

Dear Mr. Shilton:

Re: Information on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012

Thank you for your correspondence of January 20, 2014 regarding the Renewable Energy Project.

As part of the Government of Canada's plan for Responsible Resource Development which seeks to modernize the regulatory system for project reviews, the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) came into force on July 6, 2012. CEAA 2012 focuses federal environmental reviews on projects that have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects in areas of federal jurisdiction.

The CEAA 2012 applies to projects described in the *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* (the Regulations). Based on the information provided, your project does not appear to be described in the Regulations. **Kindly review the Regulations to confirm applicability to your project.** This includes section 1, which relates to wildlife areas and migratory bird sanctuaries and sections 2 and 3, which describes projects related to electrical generation.

For more information on CEAA 2012, please access the following links on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (the Agency) website:

Overview of CEAA 2012

<http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=16254939-1>

Regulations Designating Physical Activities, and

Prescribed Information for a Description of a Designated Project Regulations

<http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=9EC7CAD2-1>

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If it appears that CEAA 2012 may apply to your proposed project, you must provide the Agency with a description of the proposed project. Please see the link below to the Agency's guide to preparing a project description.

Guide to Preparing a Description of a Designated Project

[http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/63D3D025-2236-49C9-A169-DD89A36DA0E6/Guide to Preparing a Description of a Designated Project under CEAA 2012.pdf](http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/63D3D025-2236-49C9-A169-DD89A36DA0E6/Guide%20to%20Preparing%20a%20Description%20of%20a%20Designated%20Project%20under%20CEAA%202012.pdf)

If you believe the project is not subject to a federal environmental assessment, and do not submit a project description, **we kindly request that you remove the Agency from your distribution list.** If you have questions, please get in touch with our office through the switchboard at 416-952-1576.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. P.', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Anjala Puvananathan
Director, Ontario Region
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency